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DIAMOND DAYS

Baseball hits the field for first season of Conference USA action — SEE SPORTS, B1



SOLD! FOR A CAUSE
Dance Marathon sells dates to raise money for children's charities

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SGA President Willie Bentley Jr. spoke to the audience at the first-ever Black Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner in the Pegasus Ballroom at the Student Union Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by the UCF Student Government Association and celebrated many of the guests in attendance.



SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Black faculty celebrated

Guests at inaugural SGA dinner honored for their contributions

MARK JUSTICE
Senior Staff Writer

Black History Month at UCF was commemorated Tuesday evening with the first-ever Student Government-sponsored Black Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Assistant Vice President of Student Success Services DeLaine Priest was among the guests honored at the event. Priest was overcome with emotion when she spoke about the event, saying that,

"We were elated and grateful for the outpouring of support and recognition." Priest said that this was the first time in her nearly 20-year career at UCF that she had had the opportunity to take part in such a program.

"Overall, the event was outstanding. The thought and effort put in place to recognize and honor black faculty and staff was remarkable," she said.

Priest was one of eight faculty and staff members to receive the Presidential Award on Tuesday evening.

"The Presidential Award is awarded to those individuals who have gone above and beyond and have exceeded the expectations set forth by the university," SGA President Willie Bentley Jr. said at Tuesday's ceremony. "From you, I have learned so much and will forever appreciate the work you do for our students," he said.

Inez M. Ford, Cheryl Evans Green, Melvin Rogers, Valarie Greene King, A.J.

PLEASE SEE EIGHT ON A5

Professors take part in national survey on sexual behavior

AAUW conducting initiative to spread awareness of harassment on campuses

CRYSTAL POTTS
Contributing Writer

UCF students will soon be asked to fill out a sexual harassment survey modeled after a survey created by the American Association of University Women.

"Unwanted and unwelcome sexual behavior which interferes with your life," was the "Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus" survey's definition of sexual harassment.

The top three reasons for harassment were: it was thought to be funny, it seemed like the victims wanted it, and it was thought to be a normal part of the college lifestyle, according to the results of the AAUW survey.

Eleven universities around the country, including UCF, were awarded grants to conduct their own projects for addressing sexual harassment as part of AAUW's "Building a Harassment-Free Campus" initiative.

According to the AAUW Web site, the goals of the initiative are "to extend awareness of campus sexual harassment, implement exceptional projects that can begin to create an impact and affect change in the campus climate, and provide an avenue for ongoing leadership training and support of women leaders."

UCF received a \$5,000 grant. "I'm interested in our results in terms of do our students know how and where to report sexual harassment, what sexual harassment is, and to see if there are any gaps in our services," said Christine Mouton, director of UCF's Victim Services.

Most "people don't acknowledge that they're being harassed," said Brittany Cooke, a 20-year-old sophomore.

"I definitely think it's a problem because people think it's all fun and games. I think this [sur-

vey] would be very beneficial."

UCF students will be contacted through an e-mail prompting them to complete the anonymous online survey. The link to the survey's Web site will also be included in the e-mail. Classes with 100 students or more will be targeted for the survey.

The survey will hopefully begin during the third or fourth week of this month, said Leslie Sue Lieberman, director of the Women's Research Center and an anthropology professor at UCF.

My "intent [through the survey] is to have ongoing events and resources to raise awareness" and decrease harassment, Lieberman said.

The UCF survey will be using similar questions from the Drawing the Line survey.

The results of the survey will be released on Tuesday, April 18.

As UCF grows, it's important to have these surveys to see if the infrastructure works for the growth of the student/teacher population, Mouton said.

Mouton added that Victim Services is constantly trying to re-educate and update its information.

"We have Victim Services, but a lot of people don't know about it," Cooke said.

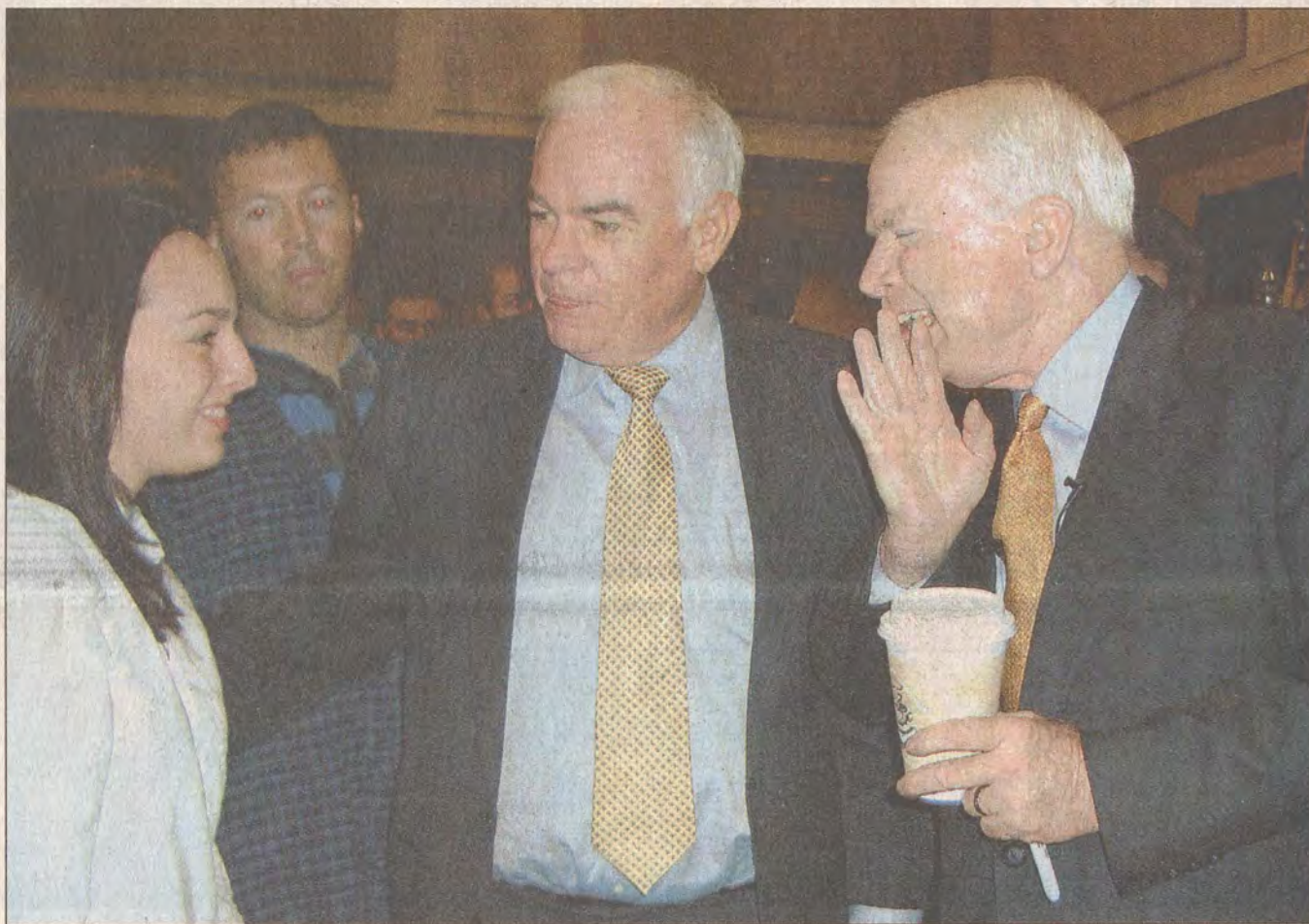
According to its Web site, Victim Services provides trained advocates for those UCF students, faculty and staff who may be victims or survivors of abuse, crime or violence on or off the UCF campus.

After hours, on-call advocates can be contacted through UCF police.

"We provide students with their options, in terms of reporting, and [the students] make those decisions and regain control of the situation by choosing

PLEASE SEE EQUAL ON A7

SOCIAL SENATORS



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Arizona Sen. John McCain, right, made yet another visit to UCF as he addressed a crowd of more than 300 people and met with students one-on-one.

McCain and Martinez speak at Freedom Forum

TIFFANY BECK
Staff Writer

During Monday's Freedom Forum, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., addressed a crowd of more than 300 people. He spoke on diverse topics ranging from Iran's nuclear program, to education, to the rumor that he would like to run for President in 2008.

The Freedom Forum event, which took place in the Cape Florida Ballroom, was organized by Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla. Martinez said that he plans to hold similar events in the future around Florida. The event coincided with the anniversary of Martinez's immigration to Florida from communist Cuba 44 years ago.

McCain, a Vietnam veteran and prisoner of war, was invited by Martinez to be the keynote speaker.

In the spirit of the event, McCain started off by talking about immigra-



JENNA GOUGH / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Florida Sen. Mel Martinez also spoke at UCF Monday.

tion. He said that it would be a mistake to try to keep immigrants out of the U.S. and that the U.S. has strength and vitality today because it has always welcomed immigrants.

He also said that a challenge to the U.S.'s continued success is to upgrade the education system. McCain said it is vital to maintaining the U.S.'s economic supremacy.

When questioned about cuts in education funding, McCain said that when Congress passed the No Child Left Behind legislation, it contained unrealistic expectations. However, he praised it for being the first national effort to reform education in America.

When he got to the topic of the presidency, he called it a rumor and joked about how many other Arizona politicians have tried and failed to get the nomination. At one point

PLEASE SEE SENATORS ON A6

Volunteers spread organ donation awareness

Green Ribbon Day recognizes importance of giving someone a second chance

CATIE FRY
Contributing Writer

One campus organization is trying to take some of the anxiety out of getting carded, not for buying alcohol, but for giving the gift of life.

Get Carded, a group dedicated to promoting the benefits of organ donation, sponsored Green Ribbon Day on Tuesday

outside of the Student Union. Get Carded's leaders are passionate about letting people know how organ donation saves lives.

At the event, volunteers offered free information and the chance to fill out an organ donor card that can be carried around in a wallet. The card lets doctors and family members know that you wish for

your organs to be donated when you die.

"We try to make it easier for students to be organ donors and to become educated," said Melissa Lanzone, director of the program.

According to Lanzone, the name of the event, Green Ribbon Day, meant that it was a day students could get information about the Get Carded pro-

gram.

The purpose of Get Carded is to provide knowledge to students who are uneducated about the facts and correct the myths about organ donation.

"People don't even know the basics," Lanzone said. "This is not something you're giving away today."

PLEASE SEE GROUP ON A6

Student volunteers from the group Get Carded spent their Tuesday outside the Student Union, spreading awareness concerning organ donations and the importance of giving to save another person's life.



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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Who's Who wants you

Applications for Who's Who at UCF are now available at <http://www.get-involveducf.com> and are due at the Office of Student Involvement Feb. 15.

Who's Who Among American College Students is an honor given to undergraduate and graduate students who show exceptional leadership, service and scholastic achievement. Recipients of this award are eligible for scholarships through the student government at UCF.

For more information, e-mail Amy Zuchlewski at azuchlew@mail.ucf.edu.

Get cultured in Pan African

Marvin Haire will speak at 6 p.m. tonight in the Student Union Room 220.

Haire's presentation, *Pan African Studies: Matters of Pedagogy and Praxis as They Relate to African Cultural Integrity and Human Rights*, is part of the 4th Annual James Weldon Johnson Scholars Lecture Series.

For more information, call Brittany Bernstein at 407-823-0026.

Put on your jazz shoes

The UCF Jazz Band will perform at 8 p.m. tonight at the Visual Arts Auditorium. The concert will feature the music of Lionel Hampton, Frank Foster, Oliver Nelson, Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Charles and Jimmy Giuffre.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Jeff Rupert at 407-823-5411.

Dating at the speed of light

The Burnett Honors College is holding a speed-dating event at 7 p.m. Friday in the BHC Reading Room.

Participants will meet 13 guys or girls in one night, and refreshments will be provided afterward. The cost is \$5.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Jill Norburn at jnorburn@mail.ucf.edu.

Whispers in the wind

The UCF Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Visual Arts Building Auditorium. The concert will feature music by Catel, Kozhevnikov, Respighi, Saint-Saëns and De Nardis.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Richard Greenwood at 407-823-3243.

Volunteer to take it to the hole

Volunteer UCF will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the outdoor Academic Village courts behind the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Three to seven players are allowed on a team, and there is an entrance fee of \$10 per player or \$50 per team. All proceeds go to Darfur Awareness Week.

For more information, call Ameer Zufari at 321-356-4421.

A different kind of shrink

The UCF Counseling Center is offering "Cinema Therapy" to any students who are affected emotionally by certain movies and would like someone to talk to about their feelings.

The event takes place tonight from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Gemini Community.

For further information, contact Dr. Germaine Graham at 407-823-2811 or send an e-mail to councntr@mail.ucf.edu.

Additional information can also be found on the Counseling Center's Web site at <http://counseling.sdes.ucf.edu>.

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Students sold for kids charities

The most expensive date went for \$320 topping last year's highest date by \$240

AMANDA HAMILTON
Contributing Writer

Dance Marathon's 2nd annual Date Auction, benefiting the Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network and UCF Dance Marathon, was held at Wackadoo's on Monday night, drawing big laughs and big bids.

Brad Epstein, Dance Marathon corporate relations director and host of the event, had lots of jokes to keep the crowd upbeat and entertained. He even joked, while holding up a copy of Monday's edition of the *Future*, about the quote given as to why he was chosen to host the event. The quote, said by O'Keeffe, told readers that Epstein was chosen because he "likes to play up a crowd." But Epstein said he had a different reason. Instead, he said that he was "chosen to host because our original act decided he didn't want to do it so I apologize for my bad jokes throughout the evening."

Despite the "bad jokes" Epstein was all smiles after the auction.

"The night was a lot of fun," he wrote in an e-mail after the auction. "I felt like everything went really well and that everyone present had a good time." He also said that being the auctioneer was "easier than I thought it would be, only because I didn't expect most of the bidding to be going so high. But when people are spending that much money, it makes it easy for me to just stand up there and talk right through it."

Sixteen dates were auctioned off at the event. Some of the dates auctioned included surfing lessons, a skydiving trip and lunch, a one-day Disney Park Hopper ticket, and tickets to the Orlando Museum of Art and a picnic.

Most dates sold for between \$25 and \$75, but three dates actually sold for over \$100.

The first was a set of four Atlanta Braves Spring Training tickets that sold for \$100.

The second, a set of tickets to see Scott Stapp at Hard Rock Live, sold for \$110.

And the third date, Meghan Williams and tickets to Universal Orlando, created the biggest bidding war of the night and ultimately raised the most money. It sold for \$230, which, according to O'Keeffe, beat last year's highest bid of \$80.

"I think it's absolutely insane," Williams said about the stir her date created. "I mean, it's unbelievable. I didn't expect to go for anything near that much."

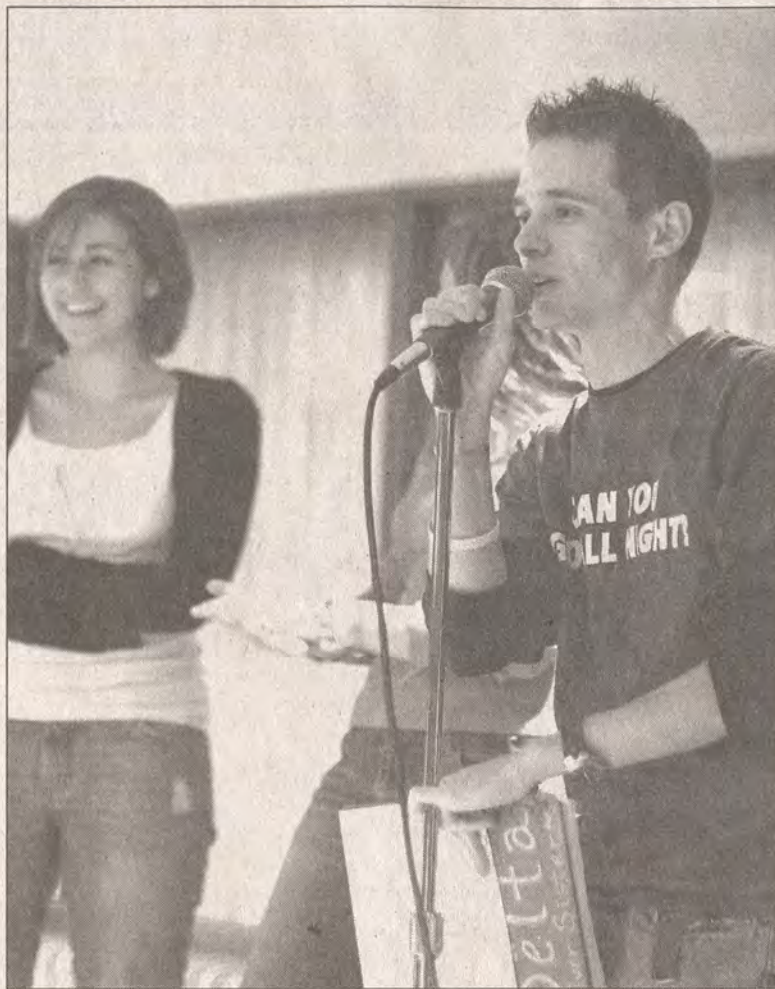
One of the dates even caused a little extra buzz by offering the only mystery date. The participant tried to entice bidders by giving some statistics about himself, challenging the audience to guess the date.

Epstein joked that the date would "undoubtedly include a trip to Devaney's."

Dance Marathon Director Tara O'Keeffe got in on the fun at the end of the evening as a last minute date. The date, which she decided would consist of cleaning the winner's apartment, went for \$25 and was the only date of the night with a stipulation from the participant. "I'll clean your apartment as long as you don't have a cat," O'Keeffe told bidders.

At the end of the night, O'Keeffe said that this year's date auction was "definitely better" than last year's auction.

"I think we had a better turnout because it was on campus," she said. She also said that it was good exposure for the Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network and the upcoming 24-hour Dance Marathon.



Brad Epstein, above right, elicits some laughter from the crowd and participants as the MC at the Dance Marathon date auction Monday night on the patio at Wackadoo's. Anthony Furbush, above, shells out \$100 for four Atlanta Braves Spring Training tickets at the 2nd Annual Dance Marathon Date Auction. The event raised more than \$1,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Faith explosion to rock students

PENNY JACKSON
Contributing Writer

The words glory, hallelujah will ring across campus Feb. 12 as the African American Student Union hosts its annual Gospel Explosion as part of Black History Month.

"The Gospel Explosion is a great place to come and rejoice amongst fellow UCF Students," said Kerri Alexander, the person in charge of getting local music ministries to come and participate in the event.

The Gospel Explosion will include a wide variety of performances. There will be singing, dancing, stepping, comedians and rappers.

Alexander has participated for two years in the AASU's

annual Gospel Explosion and appreciates the comedians are skilled in good clean fun.

"It's always refreshing to see that all comedians don't have to fill their mouth with dirt to be considered funny," she said about last year's event.

Uncle Reese is a Christian rapper and is one of the guest performers that will sing at

Gospel Explosion. "I am honored that I have the opportunity to perform,"

"In African American history, gospel has had a very important role in our culture."

— KAYLA LOPES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CHAIR

he said. "The Holy Ghost is going to do what it do."

Reese said he will present himself as an open vessel to allow the Lord to work through him. He has been rapping for five years and has a CD that he hands out at no charge. "Freely it was given to me, so freely I will give it to others," he

said Kayla Lopes, the Black History Month chair for the African American Student Union.

"This year's explosion will be better than previous years," Lopes said.

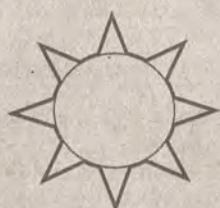
"We will be drawing local gospel groups and Christian performers from all over Florida. Each year, this occasion is growing. We have promoted well, and I believe the turn out this year will be better than ever."

Alexander encourages students to attend the event.

"Everyone's spirit will be lifted by the angelic voices from local choirs including some of our on campus ministries," she said.

Gospel Explosion is free and open to the public.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

Florida officials vow to fight offshore drilling proposal

WASHINGTON — The government indicated Wednesday that it plans to open a large area of the eastern Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas leasing despite strong opposition from Florida officials.

The Interior Department's leasing proposal would encompass two-thirds of an area known as Lease 181, while continuing to ban oil and gas developing in waters within 100 miles of the Florida coast.

President Bush in 2001 assured Florida officials, including his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, that the Lease 181 area would be protected at least through this year. The new proposal, expected to become final this year, would cover the 2007-2012 leasing period.

Separately, the department expressed continued interest in possibly opening waters off Virginia to gas drilling. Congress would have to come up with an arrangement whereby the state would seek permission to develop the offshore area. It is now part of a broad freeze on coastal drilling.

The Lease 181 area has a potential to provide more than 5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas as well as oil. Florida's strong opposition has stymied development for years.

Florida's senators, Republican Mel Martinez and Democrat Bill Nelson, oppose the department's plan. They have introduced legislation that would allow some development of the Lease 181 area, but impose additional restrictions, including assurances that future development would not encroach any closer to Florida waters.

Nelson told reporters Wednesday that the Interior Department plan would amount to "the largest expansion of drilling off the Florida coast in our country's history" and that both he and Martinez would fight it.

Middle school spelling bee results in C-O-N-T-R-O-V-E-R-S-Y

RENO, Nev. — She spelled it right. The judge said it was wrong. And she's not getting a second chance.

Eighth-grader Sara Beckman from Reno's O'Brien Middle School spelled "discernible" correctly during Tuesday's spelling bee at the University of Nevada, Reno. But the judge rang the bell anyway.

Her parents are furious, but organizers say they had to protest the call immediately. Sara's mom said they waited until the bee was over to avoid interrupting it.

School spokesman Steve Mulvenon likens it to a referee's call in an NFL game. The protest has to come before the next play starts.

Sara says she'd just like another chance, since it's her last spelling bee.

Her mother Cindy calls herself a "momma bear with her bear claws out" and is ready to go to court.

Mulvenon hopes everybody can sit down together and work something out.

He says defending a lawsuit over a spelling bee isn't a good way to spend school district money.

Body of slain *Curious George* contributor found at home

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — The bloodied body of a collaborator on *Curious George* books and films was found covered in garbage bags in the driveway of his home.

Alan Shalleck's body was there for at least a day while neighbors passed by, assuming it was a heap of trash, before a maintenance man discovered it Tuesday.

Police were treating the case as a possible homicide, spokeswoman Sgt. Gladys Cannon said, but she wouldn't

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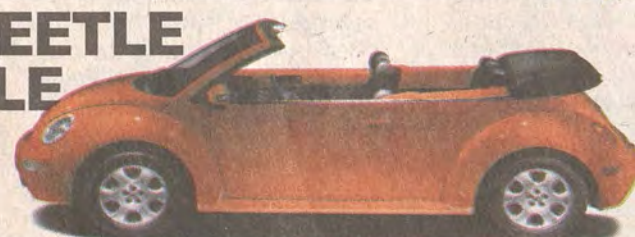
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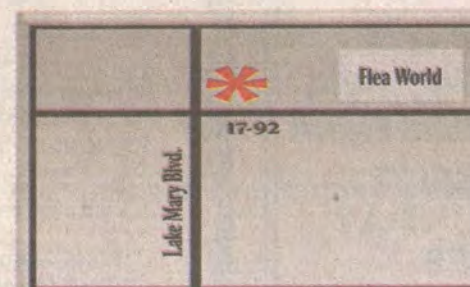
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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Yale Professor faces DUI charge after hitting a student

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A prominent Yale history professor faces a charge of driving under the influence after police say he struck a Yale student with his car.

Paul Kennedy, who wrote, was charged with driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, according to New Haven police. The student's injuries were not serious.

Greg Pepe, Kennedy's attorney and longtime friend, said Kennedy wasn't under the influence of anything last week when the accident occurred. He had polio as a young man and that left him with an unsteady gait after multiple surgeries, he said.

Kennedy showed no alcohol in his system when tested by police, Pepe said.

Two men linked to the murder of two students to be tried; again

WASHINGTON, Pa. — A prosecutor said he would discuss the future of two men whose convictions for the execution style killings of two college students have been overturned.

Washington County District Attorney John Pettit said he planned to address the arrest and prosecution of Terrell Yarbrough, 25, of Pittsburgh, and Nathan "Boo" Herring, 25, of Steubenville, Ohio, in a news conference Wednesday.

Pettit has previously said he plans to retry both men on murder charges.

Yarbrough was serving 59 years in prison, and Herring 65 years, for kidnapping two Franciscan University students in 1999, Brian Muha, 18, of Westerville, Ohio, and Aaron Land, 20, of Philadelphia.

Their Ohio convictions for murdering Muha and Land were overturned due to jurisdictional questions, because the students were kidnapped in Ohio, but killed in Washington County, Pa.

UMass undergrads face a 3.4 percent tuition increase

BOSTON — University of Massachusetts officials say they need to increase student costs for the fifth time in as many years to help pay for new professors.

The university's board of trustees is expected to approve a 3.4 percent increase in undergraduate tuition and fees at the five UMass campuses at a meeting next week. The board's administration and finance committee endorsed the increase Wednesday.

The raise will translate to a \$317 hike for students attending the flagship campus in Amherst, where tuition and fees for the 2006-07 school year would be \$9,595.

"We simply need to generate the revenue that will allow us to expand faculty," said UMass spokesman Robert Connolly. He said the Amherst campus plans to add 250 professors during the next five years.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD



A Boynton Beach police officer investigates the scene of a murder Tuesday after the body of Alan Shalleck, a collaborator on the *Curious George* books, was found in his home.

FROM A2

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disclose details about how he died.

Shalleck, 76, was the writer and director of more than 100 short episodes of *Curious George*, which aired on the Disney Channel, and co-wrote a series of books with Margret Rey, who created the mischievous monkey with her husband more than 60 years ago.

A trail of blood stained the terra cotta driveway in front of Shalleck's mobile home, where the man's outstretched body lay behind a blue Honda Civic parked under a carport. Maintenance supervisor Burt Venturelli, 62, found the body early Tuesday.

"I went to drag it this morning and said 'this is a body, this isn't garbage,'" Venturelli said. He said the body was naked from the waist up. "I could see blood all over the

Students erupt into physical violence over racial tensions

FONTANA, Calif. — Racial tensions between blacks and Hispanics erupted in a lunchtime fist- and bottle-throwing melee between 30 students at A.B. Miller High School.

There were no serious injuries. Police officers used pepper spray to subdue one resistant student and a female student slapped on officer, interim school police Chief Joe McCann said.

The 4,300-student school was locked down after Tuesday's brawl and some after-school activities were canceled.

Police officers and parents watched as the campus emptied about 20 minutes before the regular afternoon dismissal time.

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GREEK BEAT

ASHLEY GREEN
Senior Staff Writer

Monday night, sororities and fraternities sang and danced the night away to popular tunes by Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, Eminem, *NSYNC, and Sean Paul at Pi Beta Phi's Rock the Arrow event.

The competition was the sorority's annual philanthropy that benefits Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts.

Teams from various sororities and fraternities performed their own lip-synch and/or dance routines for the competition. Themes ranged from the outrageously funny, like Tau Kappa Epsilon's tribute to the 1984 comedy *Revenge of the Nerds*, to seductively sexy, like Chi Omega's performance to "Mona Lisa" by Britney Spears. Some performances even included flips and somersaults across the stage.

Kappa Delta gave everyone in the audience a reason to hit the gym with colorful '80s inspired outfits and workout moves. Its sultry performance won first place for sororities. Delta Delta Delta seized the second-place spot with a live vocal performance of the classic "Fever," covered by Peggy Lee in 1958. Alpha Delta Pi's hip-hop inspired routine to a Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott medley earned it the third place position.

Lambda Chi Alpha's American Idol-inspired Chi Lambda dancer audition led them to a first-place victory for the fraternities. Phi Mu Alpha's moves to hits by T.I., Eminem and B2K wowed the judges and earned the frater-

nity second place. Pi Kappa Phi came in third with a performance that featured an Usher look-alike and break dancing.

Tau Kappa Epsilon won the Most Spirited Award.

"The show was a lot of fun to watch," Kimberly Stephenson said. "Everyone seemed like they were having a great time."

Alpha Epsilon Pi, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu also gave performances at the show.

Raffle tickets were sold for donations to Pi Beta Phi's philanthropy. Prizes offered throughout the evening included gift certificates to local clubs and restaurants. More than 1,500 books were also collected to be donated to local schools. Kappa Sigma donated 500 books and won the Most Books Donated Award.

The event chair, Lara Cunningham, an accounting major, has been a member of Pi Beta Phi since Fall 2003. Cunningham said she was very pleased with the night.

"I think everything went really well," she said. "All the chapters did really well, and we had a great turnout." Cunningham said Rock the Arrow took about two-and-a-half months to plan.

The sorority has been doing this event for a number of years.

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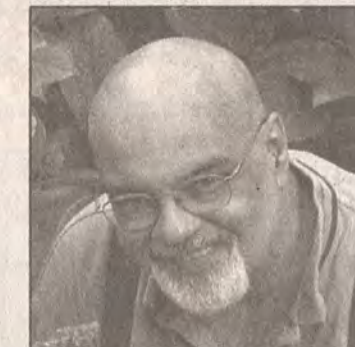
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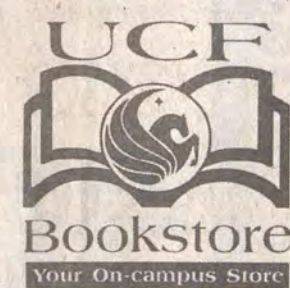
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Tuesday night marked the inaugural SGA-sponsored Black Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner at which eight members of the UCF faculty were honored by receiving Presidential Awards, which are given to people who go above and beyond the expectations of UCF.

Eight dinner guests awarded with Presidential Award

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Range, Gordon Chavis Jr., and Anne Marie de Govia were also honored with a Presidential Award.

Hans Louis-Charles, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Diverse Student Initiatives for SGA, was instrumental in the organization of the event.

"The idea was one that Willie and I brainstormed during my cabinet interview," Louis-Charles said. After nearly a year of planning, Louis-Charles was pleased to see their idea become a reality on Tuesday. "It was an honor to be in the room with such esteemed scholars," Louis-Charles said.

Bentley spoke passionately about the meaning the evening had for him.

"I consider this occasion as a divine appointment made years ago by the blood and

sweat of great men- and women-of-color," Bentley said. Bentley commended the faculty and staff assembled. "You play a very important role in society, as you help to develop those who will serve in communities all over the world," he said. "You may never fully realize the impact of your service or the mark that you have made on individuals here at the university."

"We're all products of past leaders such as Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, W.E.B. DuBois, Dr. King and many unsung heroes that we may never be aware of. They should rejoice in knowing that leaders such as yourselves have not only continued to carry the torch of excellence but have passed it on to future generations."

In addition to the presentation of the Presidential Awards, SGA honored almost two dozen individuals who

serve as advisers to various organizations, such as the African American Student Union and the Caribbean Students Association. Other portions of the celebration included a speech by Miss America 2004, Erica Dunlap. Dunlap, the UCF Gospel Choir, and student Denesha Jenkins also honored the guests with musical presentations.

"The event was long overdue, and one I would like to see continue in the future," Bentley said. "I owe much of my success to the positive influence the black faculty and staff of UCF have had on me."

Other events planned for Black History Month include a Valentine's Gala, community service projects and a culture-themed Late Knights event.

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Senators answered students' questions

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during the question and answer period, one of the questioners said, "I hope you run for president." This was followed by loud applause from the audience.

McCain is known for his strong stance on campaign finance reform. In his speech, he made sure to address the recent lobbyist scandals. He said that the system needs to be reformed and that pork-barrel spending has got to go.

Pork-barrel spending occurs when a congressman brings a big but often unnecessary project to their home state in return for political support. It is a term synonymous with government waste. "We need to fix a system where one individual... can waste tens of millions of taxpayer dollars," McCain said.

Later an audience member asked how he thought government could be made smaller and more efficient. McCain said that fiscal discipline had to be imposed in Congress.

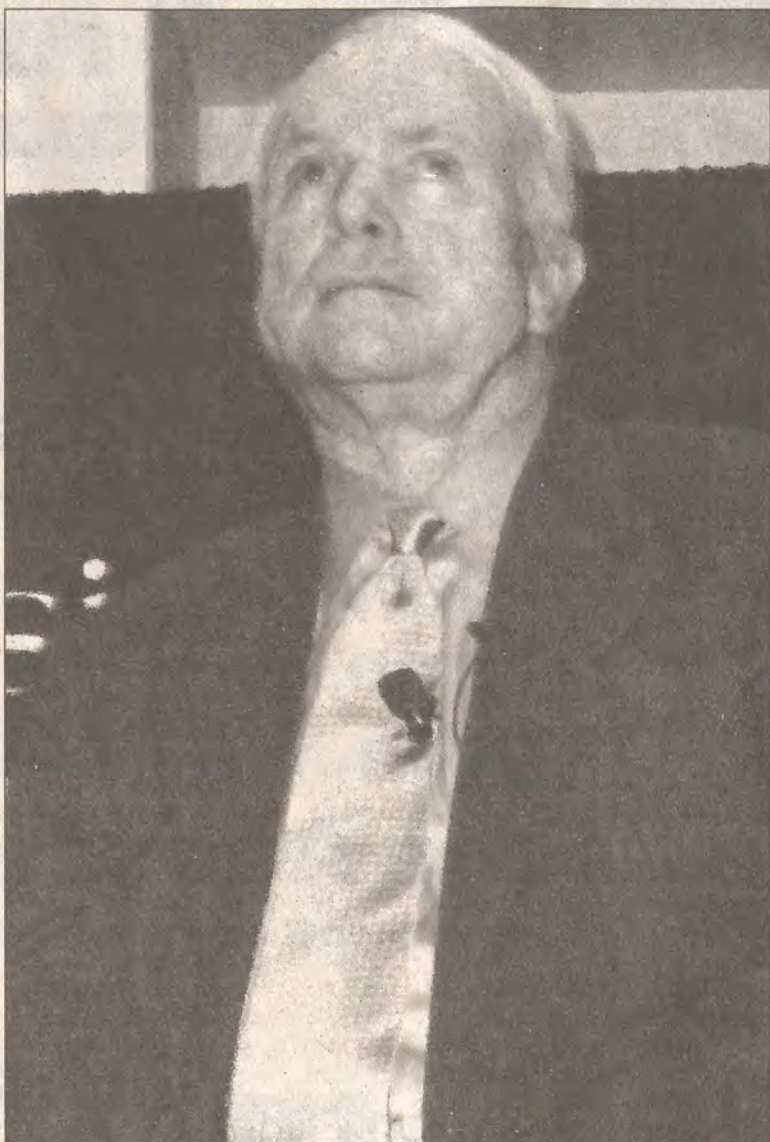
"The tipping point where public opinion crystallizes in war on out-of-control spending is this bridge to nowhere," he said. McCain was referring to a failed amendment to the 2006 transportation appropriations bill that would allocate \$233 million for a bridge in Alaska between a small town and an island with only 50 residents. He said that this type of pork-barrel spending has to go, especially when Social Security and Medicare are facing challenges.

Another of the long list of topics addressed was Iran's effort to develop nuclear weapons.

"We are probably in one of the most dangerous periods of history since the end of the Cold War," McCain said. He said there are no good options as to what to do about Iran, adding, "The military option is not an option we can take off the table." He added that many other solutions must be tried first.

He said a use of force "would be terrible." But he said nuclear-armed Iran that's going to attack Israel and destabilize the region would be just as bad. "We're not saying they're going to do it," he said. "They are saying they're going to do it."

He also spoke on how instability is present in many of the areas of the world that the U.S. depends on for oil. He said that



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Arizona Sen. John McCain answered many questions from people in attendance at Monday's Freedom Forum. Topics ranged from Iran's nuclear weapon efforts to the war in Iraq.

he agreed with President George W. Bush's statement that the U.S. is addicted to oil. The solution McCain offered is to use more nuclear power, which he said is clean.

McCain addressed another controversial topic: Iraq.

"I think we did the right thing, but now we have to win in Iraq," he said. "It's going to be long, hard and rough. We've expended our most precious resource: American blood."

During the question-and-answer period, a student said that before he left for deployment to Iraq, he would like to know why. According to an article he read in the *Army Times*, the government was considering cutting the Army reserves.

Before answering, McCain asked, "When do you leave?"

The student said, "April, sir."

McCain said, "On behalf of all of us, we are thankful for your service. You are the best of America." At this point, the audience applauded.

McCain, who is on the Armed Services Committee, said that he'll wait for an explanation of the cut before judging it, but he added that it's "going to have to be a hell of an explanation."

McCain's final topic was democracy. He said that during a recent trip abroad, he met with Ukrainian students who told him that the U.S. inspired them to work toward making their own government more democratic. McCain said that even though anti-Americanism is very real, the U.S. still serves as an inspiration to others around the world.

He quoted President Ronald Reagan's famous line, saying that the U.S. is still, "A shining city upon a hill."

An audience member asked about the effectiveness of democracy when a group like Hamas was able to win a large majority in the new Palestinian parliament. McCain said that the election of a Hamas majority should spark a great debate

about when a country is ready for democracy.

"There's more to democracy than an election. That's the easy part," McCain said. He said, for example, that rule of law is very difficult to establish.

He said that the U.S. would not provide funding to the Palestinians as long as Hamas continues to endorse the destruction of Israel. Despite the outcome of this election, which he called flawed, he said that elections in general help let off steam.

"It's the most difficult form of government," McCain said about democracy. "But no better form has been found."

"I'm most happy that there's young people here today," McCain said in closing. "If you don't like what we do, get involved. If you really don't like what we do, then run for office."

He said that everyone needs to participate in government. "We welcome Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians and vegetarians," he said.

Students of many political backgrounds were interested in what McCain had to say and in how he said it.

Junior psychology major Lauren Schommer said that she was most surprised by McCain's sense of humor. "Their humor made them more approachable to more people," she said.

Some students attended the event for a different perspective on world events.

"I wanted to hear their stances because I'm a Democrat, and I wanted to hear the Republican stance on those issues," sophomore industrial engineering major Thomas Hopkins said.

One student said the speech changed her opinion on McCain.

"Before he spoke, I didn't necessarily like him, but I'm definitely more interested in him as a politician now, especially with his desire to end bipartisanship and bring the temperature down," junior political science major Kelli Creighton said. "I was impressed with how relaxed he was and how honest he recognized that he had faults." She added that she was glad to hear him touch on some traditional conservative views on issues.

McCain's visited UCF nine months ago with U.S. Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Oviedo.

Group dispels myths of organ donations

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According to Get Carded, more than 27,000 lives were saved last year because of organ donors. They are making every effort to increase the number of donors by offering programs such as Green Ribbon Day to UCF students.

Today, nearly 90,000 people await the opportunity to receive an organ.

According to Lanzone, one person's donations can save up to 50 people.

Kennedy Segler, the assistant director of public relations for the program, wants students to understand the simplicity of becoming a donor and the long-term effects that donating has.

"It's just so easy," she said. "It doesn't affect you negative-

ly in any way. It's very well-respected, professional and efficient. There are a lot of myths that aren't true, and people are uneducated about it."

Some myths about organ donation are that doctors would not try to save someone's life if that person was an organ donor and that the family of a donor would be charged for his organs. According to Get Carded, these notions are false.

The public-relations directors of Get Carded are planning more events to promote awareness this semester, including an event during this year's Leadership Week.

Students who signed up commented on how much their decision could affect others.

Student Rebecca Richards

said that organ donation is the right thing to do.

"If I up and die, I'm not going to need my organs, and if someone else will, I'd rather them go to a good place," Richards said.

Raquel Torres, another student, said that she has always wanted to sign up but never had an opportunity to do so.

"I think once we die, why not help somebody else?" she said.

Other students who are already organ or tissue donors have seen the impact that donating can make on a family of someone who is fighting to live.

Heather Anderson, a third-year volunteer with Get Carded, said that many people don't realize that they could find themselves in need of a trans-

plant some day.

"I've seen how it affects someone my age, and it kind of woke me up," she said. "People our age are kind of ignorant. College kids never think it would happen to us or someone in our family."

Leaders of Get Carded point out that the most important part of becoming a donor is letting your family know about your wishes.

"It's more of an issue of telling your family that you want to be an organ donor," Lanzone said. "Ultimately, they are the ones making that decision."

Segler said that with organ donation, the decision differs from doctor-to-doctor on whether the organ donor card has power over the family's wishes.

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Choosing proper titles can lead to awkward situations

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JAMIE SALMASIAN
Contributing Writer

The line between professors and students can be blurry, and some students and professors encounter awkward situations when it comes to how students address their professors.

When asked whether she prefers to be called "Professor" or "Mrs." by her students, Nicole Burda, a French professor who will be teaching at UCF for 10 years this August, said she really didn't have a preference. "I respond to both," she said. Ultimately, though, she likes to be called "Madame Burda" because she teaches French.

Some professors do have a preference, and that preference is informal. "It doesn't matter as long as it isn't 'Mister,'" said Jason Ford, an assistant professor of sociology who has been teaching at UCF for four years.

Ford said he preferred being called by his first name over being called Mr. Ford.

He also said that students who send e-mails to their professors without addressing them as "Professor" may be perceived as showing disrespect.

He said that this can lead to the professor feeling angry and slighted.

Katie Lindgren, an exceptional education major, said she thinks professors do deserve respect and that this can be shown by how students address them.

"All of my professors go by 'Doctor,' so that is what I call them," Lindgren said.

Lindgren also said she looks

to her professors as professional examples.

"I have more respect toward my professors because I look to them as examples since I am going to be a teacher myself one day," she said.

Alayna Little, a business major, said she had one experience with a professor with strong feelings about how she

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— KATIE LINDGREN
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION MAJOR

was addressed.

"My professor emphasized that she preferred how her name was pronounced by her students, and someone messed it up," she said.

"So, she repeated her name to correct them, but most of my other professors don't mind being called by their first name."

Little said that demanding respect can sometimes undermine a professor's authority.

"When a teacher comes in [to the classroom] and demands a massive amount of

respect, a lot of students wonder why and question their authority," she said.

Natasha Graham, a nursing major, said she thought some professors, especially new ones, overreact to how students address them.

"It was my professor's first semester teaching, and in our class we used WebCT," she said. "My professor became offended when he was addressed by a student who typed just his last name instead of putting 'Mr.' in front of it. I understand how he felt to a certain extent, but I don't think it was something to get upset over."

A study at the Rochester Institute of Technology by Robert Roy Kelly, a pioneer in graphic design in the '70s, attempted to show that "teachers who attempt to cultivate their students to like them will invariably end up without respect."

Ford said that he agreed and that if a teacher was trying to be "cool," he could lose his student's respect.

Students also tend to address younger professors less formally, Burda said.

"I think even though I'm younger, I've learned to deal with disruption in my classroom," she said. "I try to give respect to my students so that I will get it back. I've been told that I'm more approachable since I'm younger, but regardless of age, professors need to keep up with the times."

In the end, students might be best served by asking their professors for their preferred form of address.

Equal Opportunity office handles harassment claims

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which they want to pursue," Mouton said.

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OUR STANCE

Drug policy faces even bigger test

Christian Brothers College High School in Missouri is one of many schools being heralded by the federal government for considering the implementation of new mandatory drug testing programs for the 1,000 males who attend the private school.

Included in the \$9,500 tuition will be the fees for drug testing, although students at the school don't feel there is even a remote possibility of a drug problem at the school. Officials believe, though, that the \$60 fee is a small price to pay for ensuring that no problem ever exists.

Programs like this are all part of President George W. Bush's initiative to curb drug use in public and private high schools and middle schools around the nation. First mentioned in his 2004 State of the Union address, Bush's plan mainly focuses on testing student athletes and other students who participate in extracurricular activities.

However, the plan would additionally target all students for random drug testing, an act that the American Civil Liberties Union has deemed unfair because it allows school administrators to target "trouble children" or even those from lesser socioeconomic backgrounds.

The ideology behind testing high school students for illegal drugs is positive. It's important to find students who are abusing drugs and to offer them

assistance in recovering from addiction. The problem is that many people fail to realize it's not always poor people and minorities who are using illegal substances.

People from many different ethnicities and income brackets use drugs. It's a fact of life that is largely ignored because white-collar country-club families don't want to acknowledge that their children could have developed an addiction. Instead, children from poor families and troubled backgrounds are often targeted by these types of programs because that is the common identifiable theme to an ignorant masses.

The initial cause for the Bush administration to push random mandatory drug testing was to curb steroid abuse among high school athletes. Professional athletics have recently shown the American public that there is a larger problem than most people know about, and the professional athletes are setting a disturbing example for high school athletes.

If this is the only case behind the drug testing, then it is a good program. Athletes shouldn't feel threatened by drug tests if they're playing clean. But not every student should have to worry about going through a day of classes and wondering whether they're going to become the target of unfair procedural bias.

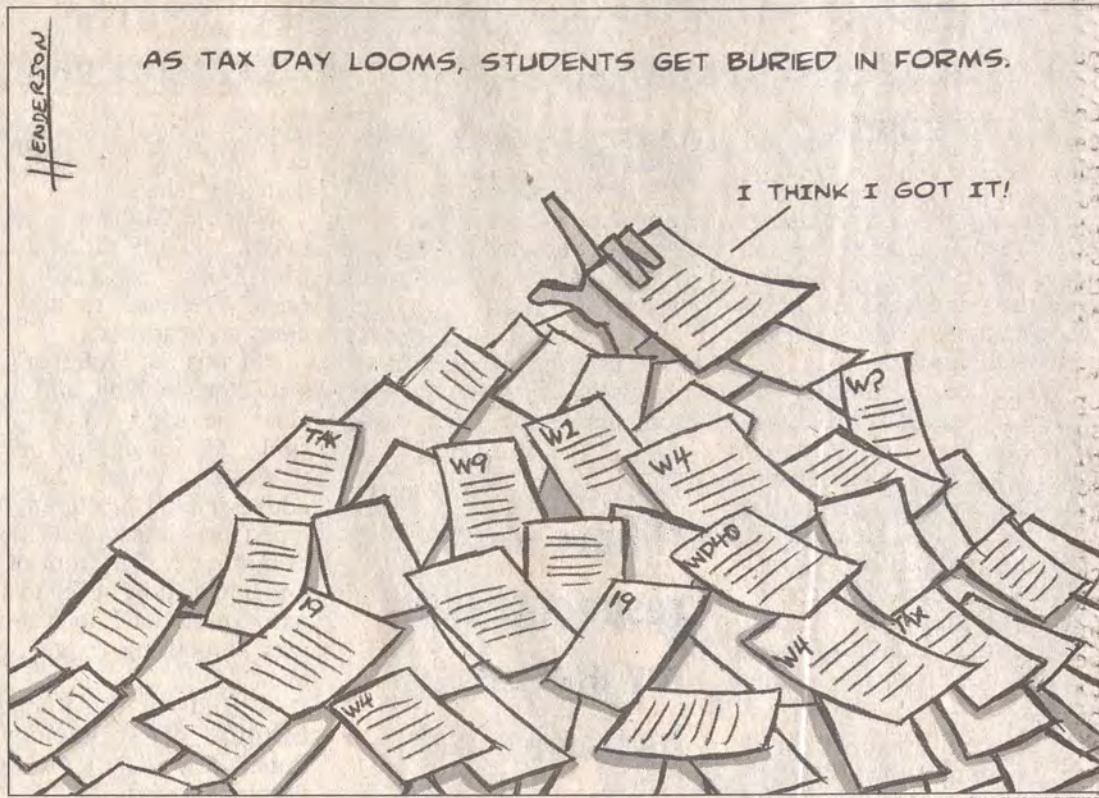
Anyone who attended a public high school knows that there are different groups and trends among the student body. It's the same in every city across the country. At the same time, there are teachers and administrators who aren't capable of accepting different trends, and that often leads to stereotyping and ignorant decision making by these officials.

Obviously not every teacher fits this mold, and many are capable of making rational decisions with the attempt to identify with different students. It's that kind of rationale that needs to be taken into consideration with drug testing because there will always be a teacher lacking the wherewithal to show compassion.

The drug testing program is supposed to keep the identity of students confidential. But when guilty students don't show up to school for weeks at a time, it will become detrimental to the individual's self-esteem and social confidence.

Additionally, when one student fails a drug test, administrators and teachers using the process as a means of targeting problem students will have an open door to go after all of the initial student's friends.

In theory, the drug testing policy is entirely necessary. In reality, it will fail until government officials recognize that personal bias and stereotypes will ruin the possibility of fair consideration.



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Running cartoons shows ignorance of newspaper

Two wrongs don't make a right for solving problem

Although a million different things could be said about Super Bowl XL, I'm going to forgo becoming yet another trite voice stating my frustrations about poor officiating or how it was the lamest Super Bowl in modern history.

Instead, there's a topic that has every major media pundit in the world arguing about free speech and the responsibilities of news publications, and the entire situation is absolutely driving me nuts.

In September, Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* published a series of editorial cartoons depicting the Islamic Prophet Mohammed. All of these cartoons were drawn in extremely poor taste, and Islamic countries are now engulfed in protest and violence. The fact is that any portrayal of the prophet violates traditional Muslim law because it could lead to idolatry.

The death toll from protests concerning the cartoons hit 10 this week, and Pandora's Box is only opening wider. Libya pulled its embassy from Denmark, several protesters were killed as they stormed a U.S. military base in Afghanistan, and the Danish economy is taking a severe hit as its companies have been boycotted throughout the Middle East.

Muslim leaders asked for an apology from the Danish newspaper for months, and one was offered only after the boycott began. Officials from *Jyllands-Posten* said they didn't mean such harm by running the cartoons, and their decision was merely that of free speech.

Free speech is one thing, but common sense is an entirely different matter. There



ASHLEY BURNS
Newsroom Manager

are decisions that the media will make, and they won't always be the most popular. The entire world will never be pleased by the content of any newspaper or magazine because it is the right of the publishers and editors to include opinions and debatable content. Trust me, just dealing with a college newspaper, I see people get upset over things that I believe are trivial.

But a cartoon, of all things, just baffles me. It doesn't baffle me because people are upset. I can understand the offensive nature of a cartoon of Muhammad wearing a bomb for a turban. What baffles me is that someone in a position of media authority would look at that cartoon and say, "Hey, here's some fun editorial content."

On the other side of the coin, though, it is only a cartoon, and an apology was eventually issued by the president of *Jyllands-Posten*. The Muslim leaders who initially protested the publication of the cartoons accepted the apology, whether wholehearted or not, and the paper ran a front-page letter from the editor explaining the decision and how he never intended this to lead to violence.

Maybe the letter should have explained how someone could lack rational thought when deciding to run an extremely offensive picture of a religious icon. It would be like running a cartoon of God or Buddha participating in deplorable acts. There's no difference, and that's why I'm appalled at the lack of thought by the Danish newspa-

PLEASE SEE MUSLIM ON A9

OUR STANCE

Emergency test was a good effort

Lei Wei, a UCF associate professor of electrical engineering, his team and the 100 student volunteers who assist him by taking surveys, should be commended for their efforts to test and evaluate different methods of alerting university students, faculty and staff to emergency situations such as terrorist attacks and major hurricanes.

Wei and his team collected data Monday that they will use to recommend what technology Florida's 11 state universities and 26 community colleges should invest in.

Most universities, including UCF, rely on mass e-mail, campus radio and TV stations to send out messages. Few schools have a university-wide intercom because of the expense.

These options have obvious problems for many universities, UCF included. UCF's campus radio is not widely listened to and is broadcast over the Internet only. UCF's campus TV station programming is shown on a closed circuit and is accessible only on campus and at UCF-affiliated housing complexes.

None of these options covers students who spend their

days walking around campus.

Wei's team tested a reverse-911 system, in which a computer called a list of 1,200 prerecorded landline numbers and played an automated warning: an FM broadcast; two sirens loud enough to be heard across campus and in nearby neighborhoods; and a loud, male voice repeating, "This is a test," at truly impressive volume.

Students are notoriously hard to reach, due to their highly mobile nature and their self-absorption. Most meander around UCF in their own personal haze of thought or seem to have a cell phone permanently affixed to their ear.

They rely on cell phones, crippling the reverse 911 systems that are bound to landlines, and they sport digital-music players, taking the teeth out of any FM radio broadcast.

Still, sirens and an intercom should permeate the student haze, right? Wrong. Oddly enough, when sirens cried their eerie song and an automated voice repeated his message on the north side of campus Monday afternoon, most students didn't seem to notice.

They continued to stroll across the lawns while listening to their iPods — that must have

been playing some seriously loud music — and carried on conversations without a pause. A few looked around to see where the noise was coming from, and some even turned away and raised their voices to be heard on their cell phones.

Granted, it was just a test, and maybe the lack of awareness could be attributed to years of school-enforced numbness to false alarms. Remember all those years of filing out to parking lots for fire alarms? Maybe the knowledge that, "This is a test, this is only a test," can be blamed for the lack of attention paid to the alarms.

Still, this experiment could be looked at as not only a test of campuswide warning systems but of the general awareness of the UCF student body. It is easy to get lost in thoughts of the next exam, work or an evening's date.

However, students must pay some attention to the world around them, or all of Wei's research and evaluations will be futile.

That said, to Wei, his team and the students volunteers who will complete surveys on the effectiveness of these trials: thanks for trying.

MAN ON THE STREET

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Muslim leaders need to help quiet protesters' violence

FROM A8

per.

With a booming lack of common sense as the apparent reasoning behind this international debacle, I'm left to wonder what the fine people at *Jyllands-Posten* would suggest as a means to quell the thousands of protesters in Middle Eastern countries.

Many people around the world aren't blessed with the opportunity to receive any sort of education or insight that could lead to a peaceful solution. It's the sad truth. Muslim people deserve to be upset about this entire debacle, but it shouldn't lead to violence, especially considering one Palestinian newspaper once ran an editorial cartoon depicting Ariel Sharon butchering people with an ax shaped like a swastika.

President George W. Bush is trying to stop this situation before it escalates further. Yet somehow, violence over a cartoon is now drawing more Middle Eastern hostility toward the U.S.

How did *Jyllands-Posten* not see this coming? Cartoons making fun of a religious prophet should be the first thing that people think of when it comes to irresponsible journalism.

You can justify only so much by using freedom of speech as a blanket, but we're also dealing with countries that don't believe in that right.

Freedom of speech is one of the biggest scapegoats in the history of mankind. Musicians, filmmakers and other artists constantly justify their controversial actions by stating that freedom of speech is their reasoning for making questionable comments.

Regardless of my status as a journalist, I would never put myself in a situation in which I would have to use freedom of speech as a means to escape criticism. Most of the time, what I write is what I feel, but I know that there are lines for good taste and offensive nature. Surely there are plenty of people who disagree with me and I take the negative criticism with a grain of salt.

When I know that I've done something wrong, I man up and apologize for it. I don't usually apologize because I wrote something that I truly feel. That would be doing myself an injustice. What I do apologize for is not taking another person's feelings into consideration.

Obviously I understand the difference between a college columnist making jokes about celebrities and athletes. But the point is that the profes-

sional journalists running major international newspapers are setting incredibly poor examples for people like me.

For example, the student newspaper at the University of Florida ran a cartoon after Kanye West's infamous "George Bush hates black people" remark after Hurricane Katrina. That cartoon used the most deplorable racially insensitive term in American history and that paper faced major protest.

Would I ever run a cartoon using the N-word? Absolutely

"Cartoons making fun of a religious prophet should be the first thing that people think of when it comes to irresponsible journalism."

not. It's not because I'm afraid of facing protest. It's because it's an atrocious word that represents the worst of everything that people could ever stand for, regardless of who says it.

Along the same rationale, if a moment ever came up where I had to question using a cartoon that insults an entire religion, I don't think I'd need to be a member of MENSA to know that it has no place running in a newspaper.

If you look at the long-running debate over the separation of church and state, it's basically the same point with journalism. I know that everyone reading this newspaper does not share my religious faith, so why would I try to impress my ideals on anyone else?

Unless it's a church newsletter or a periodical specifically designated for one particular sect, religion has no place in a media publication. The goal of the media is to create an unbiased news and entertainment source for its readers. When the slightest hint of religion is involved a wall is knocked down and the

arena for debate is wide open for everyone.

These cartoons attacked — whether simply tongue-in-cheek or with malicious intent — an entire religion and, regardless of the faith, that act alone is begging for the kind of behavior that the world is witnessing right now.

Not everyone in the world is smart enough to realize that it very well could have been intended to be harmless. "The Family Circus" cartoons boil my blood, but you don't see me drawing a dotted line to all of the places that I'd hide little Jeffy's dismembered body parts.

Bad example? Maybe so, but the fact that 10 people have already died because of a cartoon shows that Muslim leaders need to talk to their followers and tell them to end this senseless violence.

As children, we learn early on that two wrongs don't make a right. Physical violence won't solve this matter, especially when Middle Eastern protesters are killing each other in the process. In fact, the greater solution was already determined.

By boycotting Danish goods in the Middle East, Muslim leaders forced the Danish newspaper and government to atone for the mistake of running the cartoon. It was a brilliant strategy, and that should have ended everything. But when international society isn't afforded the luxury of having political leaders establish a resolution for every conflict, flags are burned and embassies are attacked.

Instead, amid the violence, an Iranian newspaper is holding its own editorial cartoon contest. *Hamshahri* has invited its readers to submit cartoons depicting the Holocaust in humorous light. Let's not go overboard, folks. If anyone doesn't see the massive red flag flying over this potential disaster, then I must be losing my mind.

If *Hamshahri* runs these cartoons, then the entire Middle East is going to become a massive brawl, even worse than the ongoing violence stemming from the war in Iraq and the countless other insurgents battling global troops in the Middle East.

Imagine that. World War III starts because of a few stupid cartoons and a horrendously dumb idea to run them. It's a pretty scary image to have in your head.

Now that I think of it, maybe a Super Bowl column would have been a better idea.

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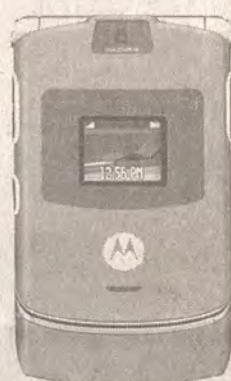
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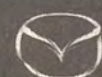


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BASEBALL: 2006 SEASON PREVIEW



CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE ARCHIVE

A healthy Taylor Cobb, above, will hope to make an impact on the pitching rotation of the UCF baseball team this spring. Cobb and pitcher Tim Bascom, the Conference USA preseason pitcher of the year, will help guide UCF.

Women's golf team finishes strong

Knights finish 3rd in season-opening UCF Invitational

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

The UCF women's golf team continued its strong play under the leadership of new Coach Emilee Klein, with a third-place finish at the UCF Women's Golf Invitational early this week.

The tournament was hosted by UCF at the Stoneybrook Golf Club, less than 10 miles away from the Main Campus in Orlando. After fairly benign conditions on Monday, things got tricky when the wind picked up Tuesday, but the Knights were able to stay in contention.

"Overall, the team played pretty well," Klein said. "I'm proud of the girls. The conditions were rough [Tuesday], but they played hard. They exceeded my expectations for the first tournament of the semester."

UCF went into the final

PLEASE SEE **WOMEN** ON A2

Men's golf a mix of youth and experience

Two seniors expected to lead young team

ZACH MOORE
Staff Writer

With the new golf season approaching quickly, the UCF men's golf team has just one objective: to win.

"The only reason we play is to win," Coach Nick Clinard said.

The team will begin their season next week, in what can be considered a home game. Their first tournament is the UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate Tournament. This tournament will host 18 teams including Memphis, Tulane and Southern Miss.

While the team roster is larger, coaches will select five players to represent the Knights per tournament in the team competition. That leaves a decision for each tournament on who will compete for the team.

PLEASE SEE **MEN'S** ON B2

THIS IS A TEST

The UCF baseball team moves to a new level of competition in C-USA

UCF will rely on veterans as well as newcomers in tougher C-USA

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

May 28, 2005, brought a difficult ending to a 12-year stretch of domination for UCF baseball in the Atlantic Sun Conference. But when the Knights walked off Melching Field at Conrad Park in DeLand, they immediately left behind the 5-3 loss to Florida Atlantic in the conference tournament and stepped into the national spotlight of Conference USA, a far more prestigious conference that gives the Knights a new world of opportunity in exposure and recruiting.

"The players that we've signed already, for next year, we probably couldn't have gotten in their houses without being in Conference USA," UCF Coach Jay Bergman said.

The Knights got off to a rough start in 2006, dropping a Sunday doubleheader to Flori-

da International, but they bounced back Tuesday with a win over Bethune-Cookman. Here's a look at how their roster and schedule shakes out for the rest of the season.

Returning stars

Junior pitcher Tim Bascom returns as the staff's ace. The Dunedin right-hander is coming off a breakout 2005 season in which he earned Atlantic Sun first-team all-conference honors, sporting a 10-2 record with a 3.10 ERA, throwing 113.1 innings and striking out 113.

Redshirt sophomore Taylor Meier returns after an injury-plagued 2005, and he should slot as the number two starter behind Bascom. The 6-foot-7 right-hander will try to build on an outstanding freshman season in 2004. In 74 innings, Meier went 6-3 with a 2.55 ERA and was named to the Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-American Team. Before his arm injury, Meier's dynamic fastball was his top pitch, so it will be interesting to see how his velocity holds up as the season wears on.

Other returning candidates

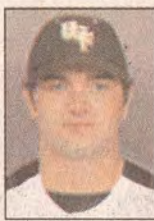
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Infielder Matt Horwath had eight home runs last year for UCF.

Familiar faces



Tim Bascom
Junior
Starting pitcher



Matt Horwath
Junior
Shortstop



Ryan Bono
Senior
Catcher

UCF defeats B-CC for first win of new season after two losses to FIU

It wasn't as easy as hoped, but the UCF baseball team picked up its first win of the season in Daytona Beach Tuesday night, defeating Bethune-Cookman 8-4.

Junior Brian Brooks picked up the win for the Knights, going one inning in relief of freshman Kyle Sweat. Sweat was fantastic in his first career start, going 5.2 innings and allowing just three earned runs on six hits. Junior Dominic Petracca earned his first save of the season, pitching 2.1 scoreless innings.

The Knights, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead on the strength of a two-run double by senior catcher Ryan Bono, regained the lead for good in their half of the seventh. Freshmen Shane Yndan and Eric Kallstrom drove in runs off outs, pushing the Knights ahead 5-3.

Petracca entered the game in the bottom half of the seventh after Brooks shut down a potential B-CC rally. The Wildcats had a run on the board with the bases loaded and no outs, but junior third baseman Matt Ray turned an unassisted double play after grabbing B-CC center fielder Jose Ortiz's line drive and tagging out Chris Brown.

In the eighth, the Knights took advantage of the last of four Wildcat errors, scoring twice to put the game out of reach. Bono and sophomore center fielder Tyson Auer led the team with three hits each and Ray scored two runs to go with his 2-for-5 night at the plate.

PLEASE SEE **BASEBALL** ON B4

New Knights have tough act to follow

Size in the trenches, speed on the outside highlight 2006 class

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

The correlation between the popularity of high school football recruiting and the importance of the college freshman to his football team is undeniable.

From the second freshmen were permitted to play with the varsity in the early 1970s, fans were interested in who their next young star would be. For

some, it's more important than the season itself, as evidenced by the plethora of "recruiting networks" available on the Internet, which houses more video of high school prospects than any coach in the country.

At UCF, recruiting has been a monotonous event. With limited reach and a "small school" reputation, retaining players from the area was difficult enough without reaching beyond the state. But with George O'Leary at the helm, everything has changed.

Now, freshmen come in and not only contribute, but dominate. Kevin Smith,

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ANDY VASQUEZ / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE ARCHIVE

UCF Coach George O'Leary admonishes quarterback Steven Moffett during the 2nd half of the Knights 49-48 loss to Nevada in the 2005 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

Second half of C-USA schedule will be key

Green Wave rides recent success into Orlando; Knights fight for bye in conference tournament

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

Over the past few years, the UCF men's basketball team has been at its best in the months of February and March. If the Knights are hoping to make a splash in postseason play eight weeks from now, they will have to continue that trend.

UCF will kick off the second half of its Conference USA season on Saturday at home against Tulane at 7:30 p.m., in one of seven key games

that will determine how difficult the Knights road will be in March's C-USA Championship.

As of Wednesday afternoon, UCF stands at fifth place in C-USA with a 3-3 record. UCF was scheduled to play at Southern Mississippi on Wednesday evening, but the results were not available at press time.

One thing is guaranteed: the C-USA Championship is March 8-11 in Memphis at the FedExForum and

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STATE & NATION

No. 2 Duke 87, No. 23 North Carolina 83
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — J.J. Redick had 22 of his 35 points in the second half, freshman Josh McRoberts added a season-high 17 points, and No. 2 Duke held off No. 23 North Carolina 87-83 on Tuesday night.

Redick was 12-for-22 from the field — including five 3-pointers — and set a career high with four steals. Three of those led to break-away layups.

With Duke (22-1, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) clinging to a one-point lead, Redick swished a 3 over Wes Miller to increase the margin with 1:54 remaining.

He later added another with the shot clock winding down to make it a seven-point game, and, despite a furious rally by the Tar Heels (14-6, 5-4), the Blue Devils picked up their 16th victory in the past 19 games in the rivalry.

Reyshawn Terry had 17 points for North Carolina, which trailed by 17 points in the second half but tied the game with a 12-0 run.

No. 4 Villanova 71, Saint Joseph's 58
PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Lowry scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half, and Randy Foye and Allan Ray each had 14 points for Villanova in the win at the Palestra that gave the Wildcats the Big 5 title.

After a lackluster start that saw them shoot 30 percent and trail by 12 points at halftime, the Wildcats (18-2) came out running, trapping and scoring at such a rapid rate that Saint Joseph's (10-10) must have felt like it was playing a different team.

Lowry converted a three-point play that gave the Wildcats a 39-37 lead. Dunks by Lowry and Will Sheridan capped a 21-3 run.

Chet Stachitas scored 19 points for the Hawks, who shot 50 percent in the first half and 25 percent in the second.

Villanova played without shooting guard Mike Nardi, who has tonsillitis.

Villanova won all four Big 5 games for its 17th series title. The Hawks went 3-1.

No. 11 Tennessee 75, Kentucky 67

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chris Lofton had a career-high 31 points — including seven 3-pointers — and No. 11 Tennessee snapped an eight-game losing streak to Kentucky.

Tennessee (17-3, 8-1) won its sixth straight Southeastern Conference game for the first time since 1989. The Volunteers won at Rupp Arena for the first time since 1999.

Randolph Morris had 20 points for Kentucky (15-8, 5-4), which dropped to 2-3 in conference home games.

Lofton made his first four 3-pointers and finished 7-of-10 for the game.

Tennessee took the lead for good with 2:30 left on a layup by Major Wingate, but Lofton scored the next seven points — including a three-point play — to ice the victory.

No. 25 Northern Iowa 68, Wichita St. 56

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Eric Coleman scored 20 points and Ben Jacobson added 15 for Northern Iowa.

The Panthers (21-4, 11-3 Missouri Valley Conference) have won seven of their last eight games and completed a season sweep of Wichita State (19-6, 10-4).

After squandering a 10-point lead, Northern Iowa pulled away with an 11-2 run late in the second half. Jacobson put the Panthers back on top with a 3-pointer, then hit fadeaway jumpers from 15 and 18 feet to push the lead to 61-52.

P.J. Cousinard led the Shockers with 17 points. Paul Miller, Wichita State's leading scorer, was held to seven points on 3-of-12 shooting.

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Men's tennis defeats UTSA

Alcantara, Sudas lead Knights over Roadrunners

ANDY JACOBSON
Staff Writer

The UCF men's tennis team handed the visitors from the University of Texas at San Antonio their second loss of the season with five singles wins Sunday.

The home team expanded its season record to 3-1, with a two-match win streak. On the other side of the court, the Roadrunners fell to 0-2, while also losing their first match on the road.

The Knights won five of the six singles matches during the home debut but struggled through the doubles portion of Sunday's contest.

"We started slowly in doubles but came out firing in singles," Coach Bobby Cashman said. "The guys are working hard and doing a great job early in the season."

The only loss this season has been to the second-ranked University of Florida in Gainesville in a sweep.

Since then, the team went on to beat Rollins College (5-4), before returning home to face UTSA.

On Sunday, the doubles' point quickly went to the Roadrunners after beating the teams of Sebastian Delgado and Alamgir Wali, and the third team of Brock Sakey and Jimmy Roesch. The Roadrunners won 8-4 and 9-7, respectively.

The doubles team of Norman Alcantara and Sinan Sudas were the one team to win, finishing the match 8-5.

Outside of doubles, junior Delgado secured the match for his team, beating the visitor Adam Becker at the No. 4 spot. After dropping the first set, Delgado returned to win the final two sets (4-6, 6-0, 6-2).

At the No. 1 position, sophomore Sudas won the initial set 6-3 and then went on to lose to second (4-6). Sudas finally won after winning the super tiebreaker 10-3. The three freshmen — Roesch, Sakey and

Alcantara — won their matches in two sets in the sixth, fifth and second positions, respectively.

Roesch posted a 6-3, 6-3 win against Roadrunner Shaun Michael Stewart, while Sakey laid out a 6-1, 6-1 advantage over Heteri Chaves.

Alcantara defeated Anthony Portois in the No. 2 spot and finished 6-3, 6-1.

The match was originally scheduled for Saturday at the UCF Tennis Complex before being postponed due to rain.

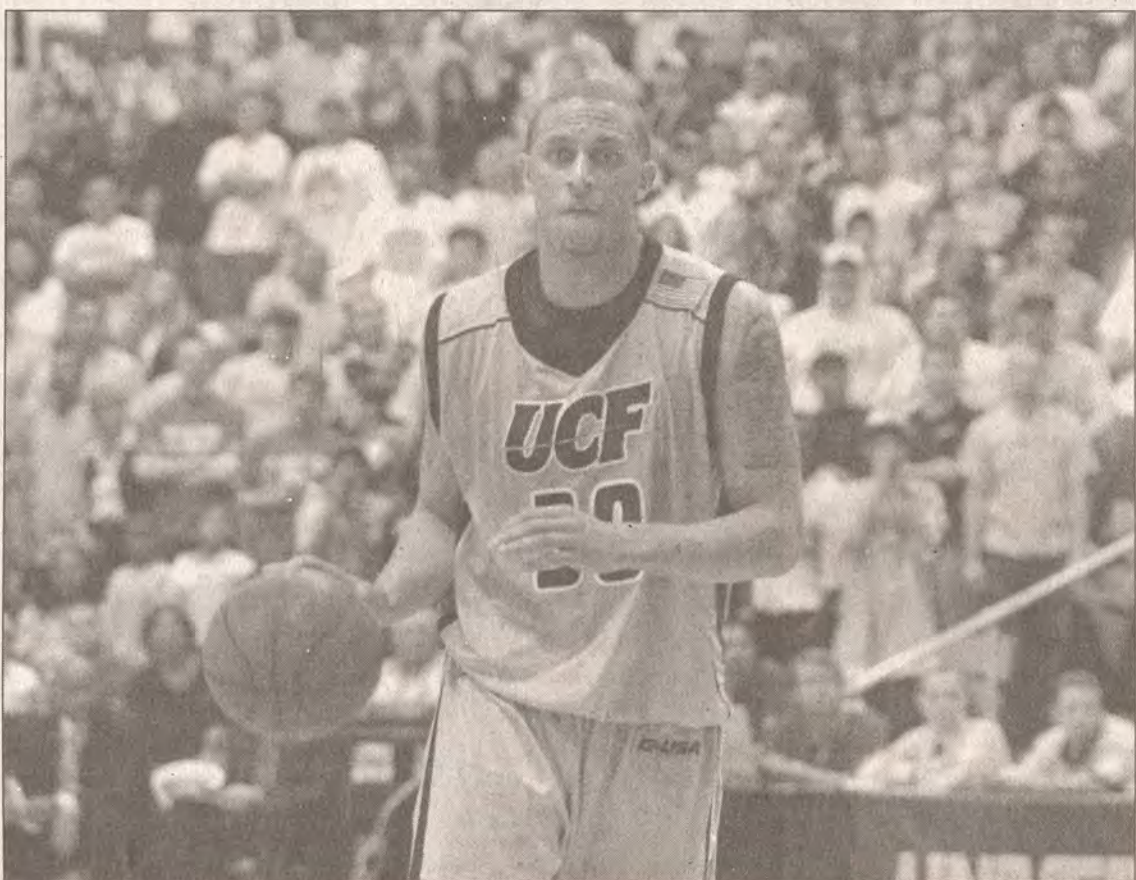
The next match is listed for this Saturday against Georgia State and Sunday against Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga., both of which are nonconference matches.

The first Conference USA match of the season is against Memphis on Thursday, Feb. 23, in Orlando. This starts a six-match home swing.

Georgia State started its season 2-0, with wins against Mercer (7-0) and Jacksonville State (5-2) at home.

As for Georgia Southern, the Eagles open their season against Georgia State on Saturday at Statesboro.

C-USA GAME 8: TULANE AT UCF • SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.



MATT POLLITT/CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF forward Josh Peppers dribbles earlier this season at the UCF Arena. Four of UCF's final seven games will be played on the UCF campus.

Key run ahead of men's team

FROM B1



Tulane vs. UCF
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: UCF Arena

Records: UCF 9-10, 3-3 C-USA

Tulane 9-12, 4-4

Broadcast: 740-THE TEAM AM

Series History: Tied 1-1 (Last

Meeting: 11/29/02, University

Hoops Classic in New Orleans, UCF

66 Tulane 61)

UCF: The results for Wednesday night's game at Southern Mississippi were not available as of press time. Check UCFathletics.com for the results... The Knights will play the Green Wave in Orlando for the first time... Point guard Mike O'Donnell is averaging 36.5 minutes per

game in conference play... Forward Anthony Williams is fourth in the conference in blocks per game at 1.21.

Tulane: The Green Wave has won five of their last six games, including three straight in conference, to rise to fifth place in C-USA... The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina forced Tulane to play four "home" games on the campus of Texas A&M... Head Coach Dave Dickerson is in his first year, coming over after spending nine seasons as an assistant to Gary Williams at Maryland, where he won a National Championship.

Probable Starters:

UCF

G Mike O'Donnell (7.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2.6 bpg, 31.5 mpg) • **G Justin Rose** • **F Josh Peppers** • **F Anthony Williams** • **F Lavell Payne**

Tulane

G Ryan Williams • **G Chris Moore** • **G Matt Wheaton** • **F David Gomez** • **C Quincy Davis** (12.0 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 1.7 bpg, 25.5 mpg)

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—CHRIS HOYLER

The Knights will also travel to Southern Methodist (Feb. 18), Rice (Feb. 25) and Marshall (March 1). Despite leading most of the game, UCF fell to Marshall last month at the UCF Arena, in its first C-USA game. UCF closes out the season on March 4 at the UCF Arena against UTEP.

Men's golf team filled with young talent

FROM B1

As it prepares for the first tournament, the men's team will look toward the senior leadership of Stefan Wistorf to guide them through their season. Clinard acknowledges that vocal leadership has been lacking in the past, but sees Wistorf filling the void.

"Stefan is becoming a vocal presence," Clinard said. "He has been really helping me out."

Wistorf, who is one of two seniors on the team, shares the captain position with sophomore Preston Brown.

Clinard is looking toward Wistorf in numerous ways and recognizes that Wistorf's game

has grown into one of the team's strongest.

While Wistorf and Brown might lead the team, every player brings his unique style to the game. Freshmen Kyle Davis and Greg Forest have shown flashes of immense skill and Clinard sees potential in these young players.

"Kyle Davis and Greg Forest are loaded with talent and ability," Clinard said.

Even with Clinard's outlook on winning, golf teams, unlike those in other sports, don't meet in head-to-head matchups. They participate in tournaments with many other teams and often those tournaments won't feature many co-

ference opponents.

"Golf is a weird sport, we don't play head-to-head," Clinard said.

Even though teams might not face each other in head-to-head matchups, talent and depth is still recognized. Inside the Conference USA, Clinard points to two teams, Tulsa and SMU, as the toughest in the conference, and in the country.

With the new schedule and new challenges just around the corner, the men's golf team has an abundance of leadership and talent.

And Clinard stresses the need for success this season.

"If we don't win, it's not successful," Clinard said.

C-USA's finest team beats UCF

Tulsa gets ahead with big first-half run and routs Knights with 71-43 win

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

Last week, UCF women's basketball Coach Gail Striegler said that Monday's matchup against Tulsa on the road was going to be very difficult. Even so, she probably could not have envisioned the blow the Knights would suffer.

The Conference USA-leading Golden Hurricane (17-4, 8-2 C-USA) dominated on the scoreboard from start to finish and handed the Golden Knights (5-17, 3-8) their worst conference loss of the season, 71-43.

The Hurricane jumped out to a 9-0 lead to start the game. The Knights finally snapped the Tulsa run when guard Amber Long put in a layup at the 15:29 mark. That would be the only field goal for the Knights for the next 10 minutes. In that span, the Knights missed all 11 of their shots and committed eight turnovers.

Meanwhile, the Hurricane kept rolling along, claiming a 20-2 advantage halfway through the first period.

The last signs of life the Knights showed on the scoreboard occurred when forward Keunta Miles and center Shelby Weber hit consecutive jumpers with three minutes left. Those two baskets would trim the Knights' deficit down to 24-9, the closest the Knights would get for the rest of the game.

The teams reached the half with the Hurricane ahead, 33-11. The Knights' 11 points in the first half tied the record for the lowest amount of points scored in one half by a Tulsa opponent. It also marked the lowest-scoring half for the Knights in a C-USA contest.

The two teams were on opposite ends of the shooting-percentage spectrum. While the Hurricane shot 59.1 percent in the first half, the Knights were held to just 19.2 percent from the field.

And in the second half, the Hurricane's hot hand would not stop. They began the half on a 16-4 run that stretched the Hurricane advantage to a game-high 34 points with 14:51 to play.

Junior forward Francine Houston was the one offensive bright spot for the Knights in the second half. After misfiring on

her two attempts in the first half, Houston did what she does better than any player in the conference, draining six 3-pointers in the final 15 minutes. Houston's 65 3-pointers this season are tops in C-USA.

Her game-high 19 points off the bench counted for nearly 60 percent of the Knights' second-half output.

Through all the muck and mire of a 28-point defeat, the Knights can take a couple of positives out of this otherwise forgettable outing. First, they were able to keep Hurricane forward Jillian Robbins, one of the best players in the country, in check.

Some coaches have proclaimed Robbins as the best offensive rebounder in the nation. The All-America candidate ranks second in the nation in rebounds at 14.2 per game and has grabbed at least 15 boards in 10 games this season.

Knowing the difficulty the Knights have had on the glass this year, it looked like Robbins would take over the game. Yet, she was limited to just six total rebounds and just one on the offensive end.

Second, three starters on the Hurricane's front line are over 6 feet tall, and that left the Knights at a definite size disadvantage. But, the Knights were able to win the battle of the offensive rebounds, 13-9.

In 23 minutes of action, Robbins finished with 12 points — six fewer than her season average — and two blocks.

Joining Houston, Weber was the only other Knight to register double-figure points with 10. She also led the squad's rebound attack with six boards.

The Knights ended their four-game road trek against the best team in their conference. Their last home stand of the season begins against C-USA's second-best squad, the SMU Mustangs (12-10, 7-3 in conference).

For success against the Mustangs, the Knights will need to restrain another versatile post player, sophomore Janielle Dadds. The 6-foot-3 inch Dadds stands fourth in the conference in points (16) and third in total rebounds (84).

The Knights and Mustangs will tip off on Friday night at 7 p.m. in the UCF Arena.

Women surpass coach's expectations



JOHN MARINI / UCF SPORTS INFORMATION

UCF's Ashley Grier tees off at the first hole of Orlando's Stoneybrook Golf Club this week.

FROM B1

round in fourth place, nine shots off the lead. The Knights' 20-over-par 308 on Tuesday moved them into a tie for third with Texas Tech, which started the day two strokes ahead of UCF.

The wind was the big story on Tuesday, as conditions were much tougher than what the teams saw Monday. An approaching cold front brought a steady wind of nearly 20 mph just after the first teams began play, and, as the leaders hit the tenth tee hours later, gusty conditions began to take over. The result was an average score Tuesday of nearly 80, a full stroke higher than Monday's average of 79.

Rollins made the short trip from Winter Park worthwhile, pulling away from Florida International for a total of 595 strokes, good enough for a three-shot victory. UCF and Texas Tech finished 16 strokes behind Rollins at 611.

Senior Ashley Grier paced the Knights on Tuesday with a two-over-par 74, adding to her round of 71 on Monday. The

consistent showing by Grier made her UCF's highest individual finisher, in a tie for fourth place. Grier started the day tied for sixth.

Junior Lauren Motyl, competing in the tournament as an individual, was alone in fifth place after making four birdies on her way to a first-round even-par 72. But Motyl struggled in the wind on Tuesday with an eight-over-par 80, dropping her into a tie for 14th.

FIU's Susan Nam took home medalist honors with a two-round score of 142, finishing five strokes ahead of Grier.

Freshman Mayule Tomimbang was UCF's second-best team player for the tournament, carding rounds of 75 and 78 to finish tied for 17th overall. Sophomore Annabel Silk had rounds of 77 and 80 to finish with a total of 157, tying her for 31st overall.

Juniors Kristy McLaughlin and Holly Boot each finished with a total of 158 to finish tied for 35th.

UCF returns to action Feb. 21-22 at the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians Women's Golf Championship in Kendall, Fla.

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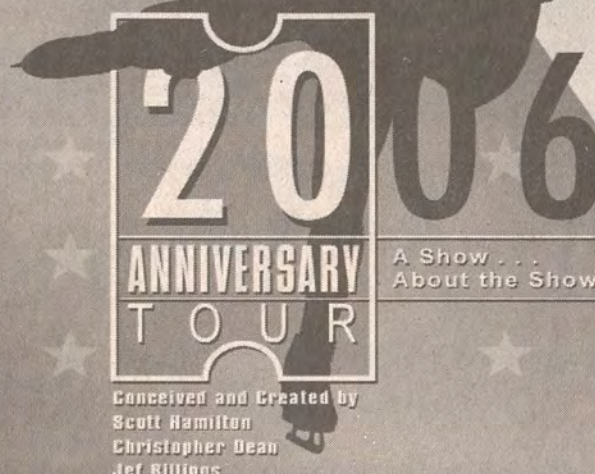
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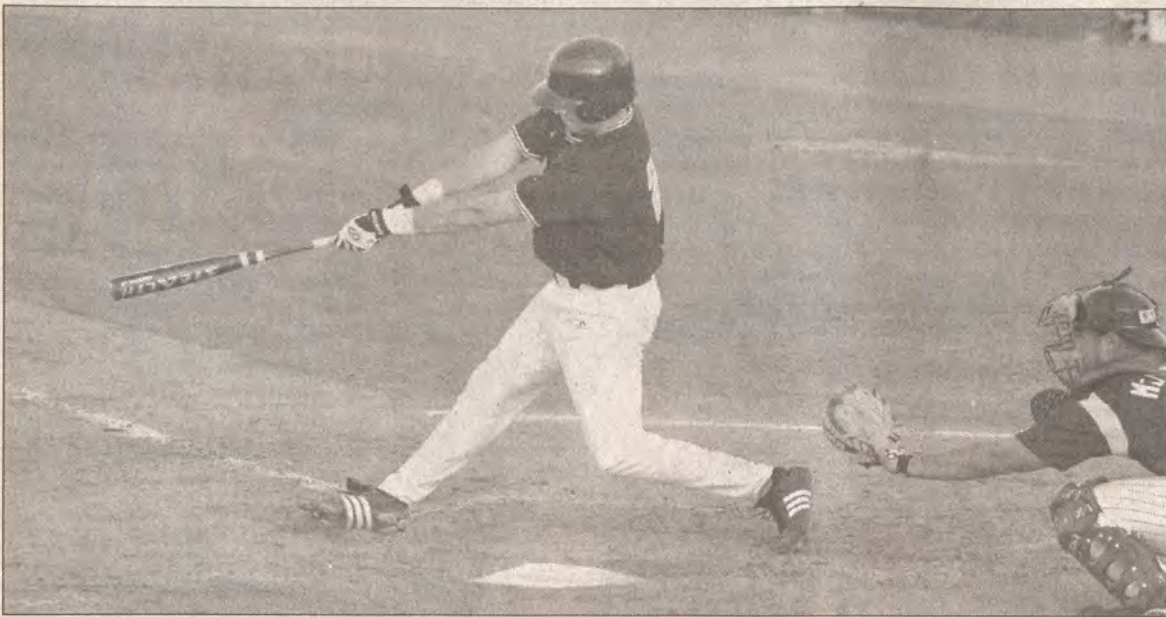
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Catcher Ryan Bono, batting, split time at catcher last season. This season, Bono has made the move to catcher full time to replace Drew Butera.

Schedule will test Knights

FROM B1

for the third spot in the starting rotation include redshirt sophomore Brett Bordwine and several freshmen.

"I think the return of (Meier, Taylor Cobb and Bordwine), with those guys, I think they'll help fill in a lot," pitcher Dominic Petracca said. "It depends on how healthy they stay."

The rock of the lineup will be senior Ryan Bono, who will move to catcher full-time after splitting time behind the dish, at first base and as designated hitter over the past three seasons. Bono was the only Knight to start all 60 games last season and, while his batting average dropped 30 points from 2004, his .433 on-base percentage was good for third on the team. Bono, who spent the 2005 season in the seventh spot in the lineup, has played the first few games of 2006 in the three spot.

"Bono is an experienced guy, and we are fortunate he is back for his senior year," Bergman said. "He is going to give us good leadership both behind the plate and in the locker room. He is a guy who we will be looking to all season long."

Shortstop Matt Horwath will man second base and should have a full season in front of him after a shoulder injury he suffered while at LSU limited him early in 2005. The Lake Mary native is the top returning home run hitter (.8), also posting team-high .467 on-base percentage last season.

Petracca plays Bascom's role at the back end of the pitching staff, returning as the team's top reliever and likely closer. He earned his first save of the season against BC-C.

"I feel comfortable as a relief role, and I talked with the coaches about it," Petracca said.

"He's just kind of a work-

horse guy and a real competitor," Bergman said.

The Newcomers

With Bascom and Meier appearing to have the two spots in the starting rotation locked down, several freshmen will compete with Bordwine and Cobb for the third-starter role.

Right-hander Kyle Sweat has the best chance of the freshmen to break into the rotation, and his strong start against BC-C further cemented that. The Apopka native was one of five UCF freshmen drafted in the 2005 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, including UCF over the Pittsburgh Pirates, who selected him in the 42nd round.

"He's looking good. He might step up and fill a starter role if we need him, or maybe a closer. He's got good stuff," Petracca said.

Sweat will face competition from left-handers Mitch Herold and Mitch Houck. Houck was a 50th-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Dodgers, but Herold may have the upper hand on the final spot in the rotation, as Houck is also a first baseman and a candidate for closer.

Bergman also has freshmen to fill out his lineup card in 2006, starting with High School All-American Outfielder Dave DiNatale. Along with returning Atlantic Sun All-Freshmen Team member and starting center fielder Tyson Auer, DiNatale will see some time in the corners.

"He's got some good pop, good power," Horwath said.

Shane Ynclan and Chadd Hartman are the other freshmen outfielders who could see playing time. Both are power hitters with a chance to play in either corner or as designated hitter.

First baseman Kiko Vazquez wasted no time proving himself, starting and hitting his first home run in the first game of the

FIU series. However, the Minnesota Twins draft pick brings more than just his bat to UCF.

"He's got real good feet, strong arm," Horwath said. "Kiko, if it weren't for his height and weight, he could play shortstop. That's how good his feet are and how good his arm is."

The Schedule

In 2006, the Knights will face their usual difficult nonconference schedule, hosting Baseball America preseason No. 3 Florida and Michigan. In addition, they will travel to No. 19 Texas Christian for a three-game series and play a home-and-home with Stetson and South Florida. All three teams are projected by BA to join UF in the NCAA Tournament.

"If we can win those games, which I'm confident in our team, if we go out and play the game that we should, I think that will give us a huge boost going into the new conference," Petracca said. "It will give us something to look back to in the tough games later in the year."

Those tough games are expected in a conference as strong as C-USA, where the Knights have been picked to finish fifth by C-USA coaches. No. 7 Rice makes the trip to Orlando during finals week in late April and No. 12 Tulane hosts the Knights in New Orleans on April 14-16, with projected NCAA Tournament qualifiers Southern Mississippi and Houston hosting UCF in May.

"The good thing is that we're going to face a lot better arms," Horwath said. "Everybody is going to have at least one guy who is a dominant pitcher."

"We're going to have to go out and bang every weekend," Bergman said. "I think that will challenge our players and bring out the best in them and make us a better tournament-ready team by the end of the season."

Baseball Notebook

Knights experience worst opening weekend in 13 years

This was the sixth straight year that UCF and FIU have played a two-game set to begin the season. This was the first time that the Panthers have swept the series.

The last time the Knights started a season 0-2 was in 1993, when current pitching coach Craig Cozart was a freshman.

The 13-3 defeat in the second game of the doubleheader marked the Knights' most lopsided loss in a debut weekend since 1993.

In the all-time series, the Panthers hold a 48-42 edge.

Ray, Sweat suspended for season-opening games at FIU

Junior infielder Matt Ray and freshman pitcher Kyle Sweat were suspended for the weekend by UCF Coach Jay Bergman for a violation of team policy and missed both games against the Panthers.

Ray, the starting third baseman, is one of two players on the roster who started at least 50 games in 2005. He entered the season 10th in school history with 53 stolen bases.

Sweat, slated to be third starting pitcher, was drafted out of Apopka in the 42nd round in 2005 by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Meier returns to mound after 20 months out with injury

In the first game of the FIU series, sophomore pitcher Taylor Meier made his first appearance since June 5, 2004. Meier, a right-hander who missed all of 2005 with a shoulder injury, pitched 1 1/3 innings of relief. He faced seven batters, allowing a hit and a walk, as well as hitting a batter.

Meier was named to the Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-America team in 2004. He posted a 6-3 record with a 2.55 ERA in 13 appearances including two starts.

He has the inside track on becoming the team's second starter behind preseason All-American Tim Bascom.

Freshman Vazquez tries to fill some big shoes at plate

After losing four starters who accounted for half of the run production in 2005, first baseman Kiko Vazquez looks as if he can be a big part of filling the void.

Vazquez showed his prodigious power in his first game when his first hit was a two-run home run over the left-centerfield fence.

For the series, Vazquez led the Knights with three hits and a .429 batting average.

— BRIAN MURPHY

Baseball team gets first victory with impressive relief

FROM B1

UCF improved to 1-2 on the season after dropping a doubleheader last Sunday to Florida International in Miami. UCF fell 4-3 in game one and 13-3 in game two after Saturday's game was postponed due to inclement weather.

The Knights will be off until Feb. 17, when they return home to play North Florida, kicking off a run of 20 home games in a 21 game stretch. UCF takes just one road trip during the stretch, heading to DeLand to face rival Stetson on March 7.

— CHRIS HOYLER

Mayo should compete with Moffett in 2006

FROM B1

Joe Burnett, Jason Venson. Can the 2006 class, signed last week, enter with the same impact? Here's a rundown of the class along with O'Leary's comments on the players and the process of recruiting.

Offense

Quarterback Steven Moffett was voted Team MVP for a reason: his development was arguably the biggest factor in the 2005 turnaround. But O'Leary is quick to say that every backup is always "an ankle away" from playing, and while injuries didn't bite the Knights hard until the end of 2005, he took a precautionary measure by signing Reedley (CA) Junior College QB Terry Mayo.

"He will be here in May and will have a bright future," O'Leary said. "We have quarterbacks in the program that I am pleased with. I don't think you can have enough quarterbacks because the team goes with the quarterback."

With only two years of eligibility, look for Mayo to either challenge senior Moffett for the starting job in 2006 or redshirt with an eye toward 2007.

Smith and Jason Peters will return to carry the ball in 2006, along with all five starting offensive linemen. Nevertheless, O'Leary signed a running back and three offensive linemen. Running back Phillip Smith has great speed and could change positions, but offensive tackles Jah Reid and Mike Buxton seem secure, as 6-foot-7, 315 lb. players have few position options. Guard Jeremy Devane is the star

of the interior class, though, and a high school teammate of fellow lineman Richard Clark, the Knights' top interior recruit in 2005.

"We had our eye on (Jeremy Devane) when we were watching Richard last year," O'Leary said. "He was a kid that visited ACC and SEC schools, and we were fortunate to get him. He has a great future with us."

Receivers top the class in numbers, with O'Leary bringing in three wide receivers and two tight ends. Miami native Keith Houston is the epitome of what O'Leary was looking for out of his receiver crop this year.

"Keith is a track athlete that has legitimate track speed," O'Leary said.

O'Leary pinpointed the perceived problem from 2006 in recruiting Houston, Brian Waters and Jamar Newsome for the position.

"I think the key to receiving is you have to catch and you have to run," O'Leary said. "I think that was the problem this year. We had guys who could catch it but you look at the yards after a catch, it wasn't great."

"The three wide receivers all have great speed, great athletic ability, so we are pleased there."

Defense

Losing end Paul Carrington and tackle Frisner Nelson hurts on the field immediately, but their departure opened up the door for seven new linemen who will battle to fill their spots alongside end Chris Welsh and tackles Bryan Gabourel and Keith Shologan.

"Defensively, our need factor was the defensive line," O'Leary said. "We went in and secured

seven defensive linemen. I am pleased with what we did there. If I had to pick one position where we needed to upgrade from a standpoint of control the line of scrimmage, I thought it was the defensive line, and we were successful in obtaining that."

Gainesville tackle Travis Timmons is at the top of the list, ranked the 69th player in the state by the *Orlando Sentinel*. According to UCFsports.com, he turned down offers from North Carolina and USF and was also recruited by Georgia.

At linebacker, team captain James Cook graduates, and while returnees Jordan Richards and Cory Hogue gained valuable experience in 2005, O'Leary recognized the need for competition.

"We signed a couple more linebackers even though we signed eight last year," O'Leary said. "I think that you can never have enough of those type of bodies on your football team."

O'Leary showed that he still has ties from his Georgia Tech days, signing Georgia natives Chance Henderson and Bruce Miller at linebacker, and Mount

Dora (FL) native DaQuwan McNealy rounds out the group.

O'Leary abstained from the secondary prospects, as he returns all four freshmen starters from 2005. James Jamison, categorized as an "athlete" prospect who could play a number of positions, was ranked the 59th cornerback in the nation by the Rivals.com Recruiting Network.

Philosophy and the K word

O'Leary was succinct when discussing the kicking situation, and after the fiasco of the past two seasons, he was confident in his plan for 2006. Tulane transfer Nick Beucher will battle with Massachusetts transfer Michael Torres for the job.

"They will both kick for us next year," O'Leary said. "I have seen enough of them kicking this past season that I know they can help us."

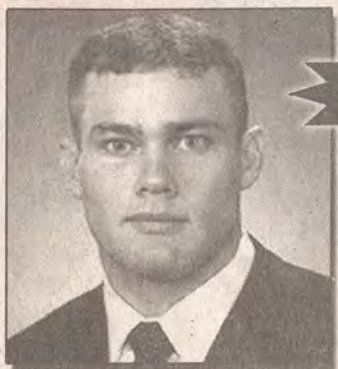
This was a year-long plan, according to O'Leary, who was quick to say that the credit for the strong class lay elsewhere.

"All of the praise should go to the assistant coaches," O'Leary said. "They pretty much get this done and I just go in and in my own little way smile."

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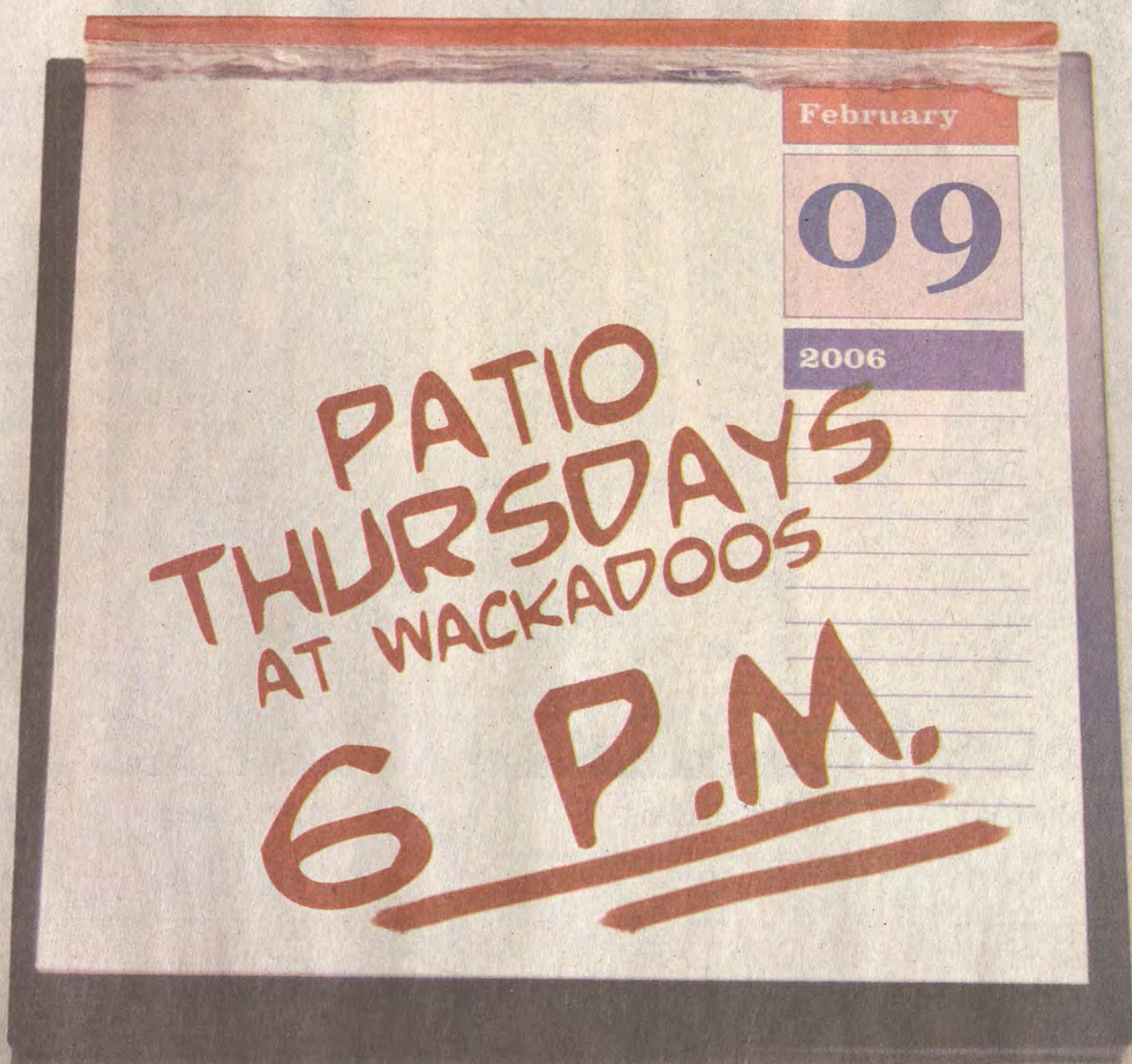
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Patio Thursdays gives outlet to up-and-coming groups

BRANDON BIELICH
Staff Writer

Hopeful UCF student-musicians now have a place to perform.

Wackadoo's Grub & Brew, located in the UCF Student Union, recently announced the return of Patio Thursdays.

Every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wackadoo's sets up a stage outside and allows bands and musicians to come up and showcase their talent.

Originally co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Patio Thursdays began in spring 2005. After CAB ended its sponsorship last fall, the event's popularity began to fizzle.

Wackadoo's continues to hold weekly performances, however, aiming for rejuvenation.

General Manager of Wackadoo's, Vaden Vanterpool, said the event is great for the restaurant and local artists alike.

"We have a lot of space [outside], and we wanted to capitalize on the patio," he said. "It gives

local bands and students a chance to shine."

Many young bands, some that have only been together for a few months, prefer to start out playing the patio before moving on to other local venues.

"It's a really good opportunity to get experience playing on stage," Danny Fernandez, bassist for Captain Yesterday, said. "We want to play other places eventually, but we'd really like to be good at playing live [first]."

Captain Yesterday — composed of Fernandez, singer and rhythm guitarist Mike Thompson, lead guitarist Steven Sherwin, and drummer Shane Jackson — play Patio Thursdays every week. Thompson and Jackson are recent UCF graduates; Sherwin and Fernandez are seniors majoring in cinema studies and film, respectively.

The band said that with a lim-

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Captain Yesterday members, from left to right, Mike Thompson, Danny Fernandez, Steven Sherwin, and Shane Jackson (on drums) play Patio Thursday every week. The Untitled members, from left to right, Brett Steer and Andrew Mullins also play select Patio Thursdays. They are looking for a bassist and singer to complete the band.

Archer's New Rival takes aim to please

Tampa band wants fans to relate to its punk-rock music

MELISSA AROCHA
Contributing Writer

Moral choices versus immoral choices; everyone deals with this subconscious battle.

For the five members of Archer's New Rival, this inner battle is expressed through their screamo punk-rock music, along with the lyrics about girls and broken hearts.

Broken Arrows and Gunshot Wounds, the band's newly recorded album, deals with just those issues.

"This inner battle is expressed by Matt Troy's vocals as the good conscience and my screaming as the bad conscience in our new epic," lead screamer Cesar Pentzke said.

Pentzke, along with lead vocalist Matt Troy Jones, lead guitarist Daniel Stoner, bassist Billy Hawkins and drummer/back-up vocalist Drew Medieros who make up this Orlando-based screamo band, hope their music is influential and inspirational. The band wants its fans to look into its lyrics, past the metaphorical speech and relate to its music.

"*Broken Arrows and Gunshot Wounds* builds off the name of the band," Jones said. "Our band's name refers to an archer that uses a bow and arrow, and its rivals that use a newer form of artillery, like guns, against him." The band's five-song epic is about a guy who got his heart broken by a girl.

"Girls are the guns, for sure," Medieros said, laughing. "I get shot down all the time."

The band describes its music, performances and lyrics as "powerful."

"This music is our lives," Medieros said, agreeing with his band members. "We're getting a lot better. I've never seen a band progress as fast as we have in less than a year."

Archer's New Rival records its music at Atomic Audio recording studio in Tampa, Fla., and is not currently signed to a record label.

"We take pride in doing it all ourselves right now," Stoner said. "We want to finish school first, but it is definitely something we plan on looking into in the near future."

Although the band is currently categorized as a screamo punk band, it hopes to experiment with other styles of music in the future.

"We are all from different musical backgrounds, from old-school punk to jazz, but we collaborate as a band," Hawkins said. "We want to progress with a new kind of music that no one has heard of, probably some new

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DVD RELEASE FOR WEEK OF FEB. 14 Zathura

Okay, so Zathura was essentially Jumanji in outer space, but toss in a healthy mix of sci-fi schlock and pulpy action, and you've got one interesting kid-flick.

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

You know the drill: young adult has vivid premonition of tragic accident, saves himself and his friends from said accident, then Death begins to kill off the survivors with quite elaborate means.

Yeah, it may be a formula, but the *Final Destination* franchise has fully embraced this blueprint in all its gory

glory. The latest contribution to the series, *Final Destination 3*, is no exception, delivering the gruesome goods in spades while maintaining the same sickly satisfaction that made its predecessors so appealing.

At the local grad night celebration, Wendy (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) foresees a roller-coaster disaster and manages to save several of her classmates before the doomed ride departs.

Sure enough, the accident occurs as expected, and everyone's favorite reaper decides to play catch-up by taking out the remaining students in methods that would make Rube Goldberg cringe.

Taking a page from *The Omen*, Wendy and Kevin (Ryan Merriman) happen to find clues to their peers' demises in photos taken before the

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Feedback helps budding bands

FROM B5

ited amount of time for practice, performing here also helps improve songs.

"We have a very difficult time practicing because [Shane] and I both have full-time jobs, and [Steven and Danny] are always busy with school," Thompson said. "So we kind of see this as another practice day."

"It's like a live practice," Sherwin added, laughing.

Additionally, Thompson described playing the patio as a good opportunity for young musicians to get their name out.

"A lot of us college students don't really have any money to go out and get a record done and stuff like that," he said. "So this is a good, free opportunity [for exposure]."

Bands performing on the patio have attracted some attention as weekly attendance has reached about 30 to 40 people, mostly made up of friends and curious onlookers.

"That's why it's good to be outdoors; people come from classes and they hear [the music]," Jackson said. "Even if

they don't stay for the whole thing, they at least come [over] and hear a couple songs and hopefully get the word out."

Patio Thursdays also allows for bands that still lack a complete lineup to display a sampling of songs.

Andrew Mullins, a freshman English major, and Brett Steer are a "jam-rock" duo currently called "The Untitled." Steer plays guitar while Mullins provides background drums on an electronic drum set.

Mullins and Steer met when Mullins, who works with Steer's girlfriend, heard Steer played guitar and that he was a fan of the band Rush. They had been playing together for about three months when they heard about Patio Thursdays.

"We started putting some [songs] together, and we were looking for every excuse we could to play live, just to get the experience," Steer said.

Mullins, who lives in Pegasus Pointe, said he likes that there is an on-campus outlet for his music.

"I think the experience is invaluable, and I'm really, really

happy we have the opportunity to do this," he said. "I'm just excited about doing it again later and many more times after that."

Besides the performers, students who come to watch the bands also enjoy the experience.

Brittini Saladino, a freshman studying nursing, came to Patio Thursdays because her friend knows Jackson from Captain Yesterday.

"I go to a lot of local shows because I have a lot of friends in bands," she said. "It's great that there are free local shows on campus where I live."

For fans of acoustic music, Wackadoo's also offers Open Mic Night every Tuesday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in performing at either event should call 407-282-1900 and ask for Vaden or Christian.

For more information on each band, check out <http://www.CaptainYesterday-Band.com> and <http://www.myspace.com/xTheUntitledx>. The Untitled seek a bassist and singer; please contact the band for information.

Elaborate death traps should please fans

FROM B5

accident, and it is this narrative thread that propels the film from death scene to death scene.

Once each morbid Mouse Trap gets going, the film offers grisly knee-jerk fun as a result of the string of creatively staged executions. It wouldn't be fair to spoil any of the scares, so let's just say that fans are unlikely to be disappointed.

The three-quel marks the return of director James Wong and co-writer Glen Morgan, the pair behind the first one and not the second, which had a more campy tone compared to its kin.

Wong knows that the story needs little setup and manages to keep his priorities in order. He kicks things off with a gut-wrenching opener and then mercifully kills off the one-note characters with relatively simple schemes before devoting more time to endangering the leads in increasingly intricate fashion.

The frights are more fun than anything, and more so than the others, *FD3* goes out of its way to set up excessive potential for casualties, so much that the threat rarely comes from where expected. With red herrings and arterial spray abound, the film achieves a supreme sense of gratifica-



Kevin (Ryan Merriman) and Wendy (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) ride one hell of a rollercoaster.

Final Destination 3

★★★★★

Director: Glen Morgan

Stars: Ryan Merriman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kris Lemche, Alex Johnson
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tion with each and every fatality.

None of the preceding cast returns this time, save for a voice cameo by Tony Todd, who previously appeared as an ever-ominous mortician, providing the opportunity for fresh faces to alleviate any sense of monotony between bloodshed.

The deaths come in a suitable rhythm, establishing a worthy balance of jolts and jokes, and despite some awful-

ly time-consuming opening credits, the film maintains an admirable sense of efficiency throughout.

Just before seeing *FD3*, I had to endure *The Pink Panther*, a film utterly devoid of any tact or nuance.

However, a complete lack of subtlety works wonders for something like this series.

While the prospect of a fourth entry seems tiring, in three years, the genre may be begging for a fresh coat of blood. Thanks to their sheer simplicity and modest intentions, the *Final Destination* films are one of the most steadily satisfying and endearing franchises around, horror or otherwise.

After all, the gore, the merrier.

Band to play at Taste of Chaos show on Feb. 25

FROM B5

kind of rock."

Members of Archer's New Rival moved from Tampa to Orlando to attend the University of Central Florida.

Archer's New Rival played its first show on April 30, 2004, at Red Zone in Tampa.

Since then, it has performed at four Battle of the Bands competitions, placing first at Red Zone in Tampa and at the YMCA in Brandon, Fla.

It also opened for Yellowcard and T.I. at this year's UCF Homecoming concert and will be playing at Taste of Chaos in Orlando on Feb. 25

with bands such as Thrice and Atreyu.

Archer's New Rival will be playing tonight at 11 p.m. at Devaney's Too at the corner of Alafaya Trail and Colonial Drive.

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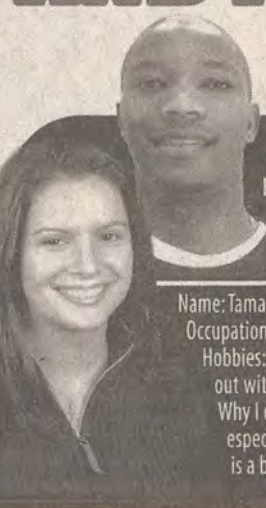
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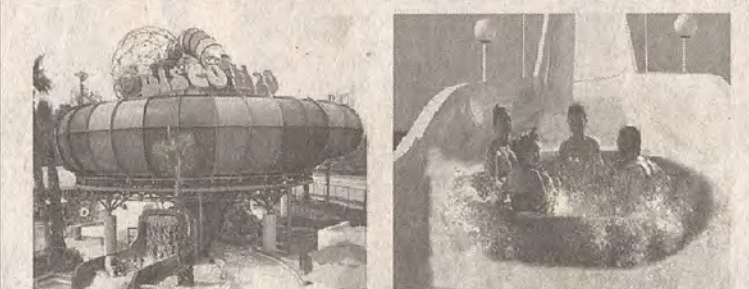
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